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LATEST TELEGRAMS.

KILLED IN THE CZAR'S PRESENCE.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—The "Lokalanzeiger" publishes the following telegram from St. Petersburg:—"While walking in the park at Tsarskoe Selo the Czar beckoned to a gardener engaged at work to approach him. The man hastened to obey, but a guard, thinking he was running up to attack the Emperor, shot him dead. His Majesty was deeply affected by the occurrence."—REUTER.

A MOTHER HACKED TO DEATH.

BREST, Jan. 16.—A terrible tragedy was perpetrated at a farm just outside the town last night. A boy named Servais, son of a well-to-do farmer, suddenly, it is supposed, lost his reason, and seizing an axe hacked his mother to death. His sister, who went to her assistance, had also her right arm cut off. The boy then took to flight, and is now hiding in the woods.—DALZIEL.

BLUEJACKETS TO THE FRONT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—A telegram from Vancouver Island reports that the mail steamship Empress of Japan, has arrived there with an account of some lively disturbances at Hong Kong between British, French, and German sailors. It is alleged that a Frenchman stabbed a boy belonging to a British cruiser at Hong Kong, whereupon the British sailors challenged the French sailors then in port, saying the insult could only be satisfied by a conflict, which must, however, be hand to hand and without weapons. The French accepted the challenge, and the ground of battle having been selected, a lengthy and fierce fight ensued. The French were beaten, and several of them were thrown into the harbour. The following day there was a fight between some Hong Kong police officers and a party of drunken German sailors, in which the latter had the best of it. Some British sailors hurried to the assistance of the police, clubs were used, and a stubborn fight took place, ending in the Germans also being driven to the edge of the docks and pushed into the water. The British sailors retired, and the police then saved the Germans from being drowned.—DALZIEL.

BECHUANALAND.

TOTAL DEFEAT OF THE REVOLTED NATIVES.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 16.—The force of police, volunteers, and burghers sent against the revolted natives in the Takoon district, British Bechuanaland, has completely defeated the enemy, who lost 40 killed.—REUTER.

PRINCESS DE CHIMAY.

BUDA-PESTH, Jan. 16.—The rumours with respect to the movements of the Princess de Chimay and her gipsy lover become daily more and more conflicting. It was at first reported the couple would leave for Egypt, and next Nice was the selected place. Apparently these statements were devices to delude the attention of the curious, and to-day it is asserted the couple will leave for the estate of a friend, and there remain until after the divorce, when they will marry and settle down in this city. The princess is already negotiating for the purchase of a palace here. It is not expected, however, that the divorce proceedings, which really commence on Tuesday, will be concluded before several months time.

BENIN DISASTER—LATEST.

With reference to the Benin disaster, of which full details will be found on p. 7, it was stated by Reuter's Agency last night that some days ago a telegram was received from Bonny, which mentioned a rumour that Mr. Powis had been captured by the natives and taken as a prisoner into Benin City. There has, however, been no confirmation of this report, and it would appear from the messages subsequently received that no further hope can be entertained of Mr. Powis's safety.

SHOT ON THE WAY.

The following telegram was received at the Foreign Office to-day from Mr. Murray, dated "Bonny, 16th Jan., 1897. Only verbal news received from Boisragon and Locke by steamer that remainder were shot going to Benin. Expect more definite news on the 20th."

NAVAL REINFORCEMENTS.

A Reuter's telegram from Malta, dated yesterday, says that H.M. cruisers Theseus and Forte sailed yesterday for Gibraltar, having been ordered to proceed to the West Coast of Africa immediately. The Theseus is a first-class cruiser of 7,350 tons, carrying 12 guns, and is under the command of Capt. C. Campbell. The Forte is a twin-screw cruiser of the second class of 4,360 tons, carrying 10 guns. She is commanded by Capt. R. F. O. Foote.

MARINES FOR THE FRONT.

A Plymouth correspondent, telegraphing late last night, says there is good reason to believe that preparations are being made at the Royal Marine Divisions to have prepared a fairly strong body of men ready for any emergencies in the West Coast of Africa. At the Plymouth Division 30 men have already been told off, and are being fitted with white clothing, indicating employment in tropical climates. Col. Rose and his staff officer are in possession of instruction, which they decline to disclose, and the men warned for duty do not as yet know their destination.

STRICKEN INDIA.

SCENE AT THE MANSION HOUSE MEETING YESTERDAY.

HYNDMAN EJECTED.

There was a crowded meeting of London citizens at the Mansion House at noon yesterday in aid of the fund opened by the Lord Mayor for the relief of the suffering now prevalent in India in consequence of the great famine. The promise of speeches by Lord G. Hamilton, Sec. for India; Lord Lansdowne, Sec. for War; the Duke of Connaught, Duke of Cambridge, and other well-known public men, made the meeting one of exceptional interest and importance; and the interest was, no doubt, somewhat intensified by the desire, of which due notice had been given, on the part of Mr. H. M. Hyndham, to move an amendment of a stringent character. There were 2 resolutions to be submitted to the meeting.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

The first of these read as follows:—

That while the entire nation has heard with satisfaction of the energetic measures adopted by the Government of India in mitigation of the calamity that has befallen our fellow-subjects, now afflicted by the horrors of a very widely-extended famine, the English public recognises the duty of contributing its benevolent support in aid and extension of such measures, and acknowledges their entire sympathy with the objects for which the Indian Famine Fund has been initiated.

The terms of the second resolution were:—

That the co-operation of the Lords Lieutenants of counties and towns, of the Lord Mayors, Mayors, Lord Provosts and Provosts, of the chairmen of county and district councils, of the governors and presidents of our national institutions, of the clergy of all denominations, and of all public officials, be invited in aid of this meritorious object, and that they be hereby requested to hold meetings and open lists of subscription to which all benevolent members of the public may contribute.

THE LORD MAYOR'S SPEECH.

The Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, presided, and in his opening remarks expressed the opinion that the Government had not only taken energetic steps, but had done all that possibly could be done to grapple with the dire calamity now prevalent in India. There was, however, need for greater effort. There was suffering and destitution which the hand of Government could not reach. There were those in India, as in England, who would die of starvation rather than take Government help—(hear, hear)—and it was for the purpose of meeting this need that the Mansion House Fund had been opened.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S APPEAL.

The first resolution was moved by the Duke of Connaught, who told the meeting that his heart bled for the suffering people of India, and he felt keenly the great responsibility. His object in coming before that meeting was to appeal warmly to the people of England to help the sufferers in every way possible. It was a grand work to have gathered nearly £80,000 already, but he hoped that the amount would be still more. (Applause.)

LORD G. HAMILTON.

Lord G. Hamilton, who seconded, pointed out that the area supposed to be affected by famine was 164,000 square miles, and the population 36 millions; while the area affected by general scarcity (not so bad as famine) was 121,000 square miles, with a population of 44 millions. Great suffering existed everywhere among the working classes reluctant to claim Government relief. There was, of course, a large amount of relief work going on, and 250,000 persons were in receipt of gratuitous relief. After dealing with the history of the present distress, and the supposed slight delay in opening the Mansion House Fund, the speaker urged that no machinery of charity could be effective unless there were confidence in the Government to carry out some definite scheme. Then, when the nation know that the Government could deal straightforwardly with the difficulty, people would give deliberately, generously, and continuously. (Applause.) The present famine had dislocated trade and paralysed employment. The appeal now came to England to-day from people who were voiceless, patient, and simple. India, in times past, had helped largely to relieve distress in England. To-day it was England's opportunity, and he hoped fervently that the nation would rise to it. (Cheers.)

HYNDMAN RISES.

At this stage of the proceedings, Mr. Hyndman rose, and desired to move an amendment. There were loud cheers from the audience in the rear of the hall as he rose, and several cries from other parts of the building of "Sit down." Amid considerable uproar, the Lord Mayor rose to call Mr. Hyndman to order. The latter, however, persisted. "I rise," he said, "to move the amendment of which I have given you due notice. It is as follows——."—Lord Mayor: You have had due notice, Mr. Hyndman, that your amendment would not be put.—Hyndman: I also have given due notice of protest against your refusal, and I now call upon you——.—There were cries of "Bravo, Hyndman," "Go on," and "Put him out." Amid a general uproar, the Lord Mayor endeavoured to get a hearing.—"I have pointed out," he said, "that this is neither the time nor the place for the discussion of your amendment, and I now most firmly, but most courteously, ask you to desist from moving it."—(Applause and counter cheers.)—Mr. Hyndman, proceeding, called upon the Lord Mayor to give him fair play. "I call upon you," he said, "in your capacity as chairman of this meeting, to put to this audience the question of whether my resolution shall be moved or not."—The uproar still continued, a few of the audience in the rear of the hall cheering loudly for the mover of the amendment, and urging him to go on.

SEIZED BY POLICE.

—The City Marshal and an inspector of the City Police Force, with 2 constables, now rushed towards Mr. Hyndman and took a firm hold of him. This gave rise to further uproar, cries being raised of "Put him out," "Shame!" "Tyranny," and "Don't go." Mr. Hyndman, however, saw the futility of offering objection, and, calling out loudly, "I leave this meeting under protest," he walked out between the officers who had taken hold of him. Cheers were raised in the rear of the building for "Hyndman," but order was quickly restored, and the ordinary course of the meeting was proceeded with.—Sir A. Arnold, in supporting the resolution, spoke of the great help rendered by the Mansion House Fund to the population of Lancashire during the great cotton famine, and said that famine required to be dealt with as a deadly enemy. Concluding, he said that before the British Government of India was absolute it must be beneficent. (Applause.)—When the resolution was put to the meeting it was carried by a large majority, although about 40 hands were held up against it.

THE SECOND RESOLUTION.

The speakers in support of the second resolution were Lord Hobhouse, Mr. Curzon, and Sir Reginald Hanson, Mr. Curzon urging the great need of justice as well as mercy in England's relations to India.—Mr. Hunter Watts asked for permission to move an addition to the resolution. He proposed to add these words: "And that the Government be urged to cancel all Exchequer drafts till the famine is at an end, instructing the Viceroy of India to devote the funds intended to meet such drafts to the relief of the famine."—The Lord Mayor, however, ruled the proposal out of order.—On the motion of the Duke of Cambridge, seconded by Sir Sandiman (Governor of the Bank of England), a vote of thanks was passed to the Lord Mayor, and the meeting came quietly to an end.

THE RELIEF WORKS.

A Dalziel's telegram from Bombay yesterday says that official reports which have been issued regarding the number of persons employed on relief works all over the country show that these have increased during the week from 1¼ millions to something approaching 1½ millions. In the N.W. provinces and in Oudh 662,000 are employed on railway construction in bank-building and in clearing away ruins. The works in Bengal Presidency afford labour to 160,000, in Bombay Presidency to 163,000, in the Central Provinces 145,000, the Punjaub 60,000, in Rajputana 39,000, in Central India 35,000, in Burmah 30,000, and in Madras Presidency 27,000.

A GIFT FROM THE CITY.

At a meeting of the Court of Common Council, at Guildhall, at which the Lord Mayor presided, Mr. Wallace moved that the corporation should contribute 1,000 guineas to the Indian Famine Fund. Mr. A. C. Morton suggested 2,000 guineas, but this was not entertained, and the motion was carried amid cheers. Down to the present the Mansion House Fund amounts to over £80,000. The Lord Mayor received for the fund 100 guineas from the Duke of Connaught, and 100 guineas from the Duke and Duchess of York.

MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN.

At the head of the subscription list for the Indian Famine Relief Fund stands the name of the Queen. The Lord Mayor, having telegraphed to the Private Secretary of her Majesty an intimation of the opening of a fund at the Mansion House for the relief of the distress caused by the famine in India, received the following reply:—"To the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Mansion House, London,

"Osborne.

"The Queen thanks your lordship for the information contained in your telegram, and commands me to state that her Majesty wishes to contribute £500 to the Indian Famine Fund.

"EDWARDS."

The Prince of Wales sent a contribution of 250 guineas, Lieut.-col. Paley £1,000, Messrs. W. D. and H. O. Wills, £1,000, Lord Salisbury £250, F. and O. S.S. Co. 500 guineas, Hon. W. F. D. Smith, £250.

A CALCUTTA MEETING.

A public meeting was held this week in Calcutta to organise a famine relief fund. The Viceroy presided, and in opening the proceedings remarked that the occasion was unprecedented in respect of the wide field over which their operations must extend. He was authorised to announce that the Queen Empress had become patroness of the fund, and it was her Majesty's wish that its operations should be conducted on broad and Imperial lines. The Viceroy proceeded to explain the objects of the fund and the means by which it was hoped to attain them. Resolutions were carried recognising that the time had come for raising a fund to supplement the operations of the Government in the famine-stricken districts, and accepting the official scheme for the administration of the fund. A general committee was formed, with the Viceroy as president. It was announced that over a lakh of rupees had already been subscribed. The Maharajah of Durbhanga has made a remission to his subjects of 3 lakhs of rupees, and will spend a similar amount in relief works.

The Mayor of Brighton has opened a fund as an auxiliary to that of the Lord Mayor of London.

THE PLAGUE.

QUADRUPLED MORTALITY REPORTED FROM BOMBAY.

A weekly review of the death statistics of Bombay shows that the mortality has quadrupled, even without making allowance for the large numbers of people who have fled. It is estimated that the daily average of plague deaths is 170, and that this rate is not diminishing, but rather increasing. The death-rate for the past week is given at 40·2 per 1,000. Among Europeans there were 11 deaths, 3 being from the plague. The Government of India is alarmed for the safety of the country, as the Bombay people are carrying the disease far and wide. At Karachi there have been 320 cases and 293 deaths, and at Bandra 180 cases and 139 deaths. The military authorities appear to entertain fears for the safety of the European regiments quartered at Kolaba, and propose to camp a detachment on the opposite side of Bombay Harbour as an experiment.

GHASTLY AND THRILLING DETAILS.

The plague is scattering death in Bombay. Indeed, the city is a city of mourning. The population has already been depleted by more than half through the wholesale exodus of panic-stricken inhabitants, and the formerly crowded streets are so deserted as to be almost unrecognisable. Nearly all branches of trade and commerce—piece goods, metals, crockery, hardware, the share bazaars—are at a standstill, and the exodus of rich and poor alike continues, though, in the case of the latter, it is less marked. Many of the shops in the leading thoroughfares, as well as in the smaller streets and lanes, have closed their doors and put up their shutters, the occupiers having in some cases announced in large Gujarati characters written in chalk that they have left for their native country. The Marwaris, or money-lenders, whom operatives and others daily patronised, have vanished, and the Small Causes Court, their usual rendezvous, is so deserted that the judges and clerks are TAKING A FORTNIGHT'S HOLIDAY in turns. A similar state of things prevails in the High Court, which, owing to the non-appearance of plaintiffs and defendants, sits only 4 hours a day. Even crimes, with the exception of burglaries, have largely diminished. Many of the native doctors and graduates of the college have sought safety in flight, and of those who remain some 8 refuse altogether to attend persons stricken with the plague, or, when they do attend, will not touch the patients, dreading contagion. In the Mohammedan cemeteries the work of burying the victims of the plague proceeds all day long, and horrible overcrowding is the result. It is feared that the contagion will be carried from the cemetery to the densely-populated parts of the city which lie to windward.

IN THE HINDOO QUARTERS.

Abnormal activity also prevails in the Hindoo burning grounds both night and day, proving the awful frequency of deaths arising from the visitation in the native town. The nights are rendered hideous by the clashing of cymbals and by the chanting of the melancholy funereal dirge of the Hindoos, "Ram sri ram, ran bolo bhai ram," uttered in a faint, half-hearted manner. Great difficulty is often experienced in disposing of the dead, even friends and relations refusing to carry the corpses. In some instances women have assisted to perform this mournful duty. The funeral processions have thus been shorn of their usual solemnity. At a funeral which Reuter's correspondent witnessed 4 Hindoos of the better class constituted the whole mourning party. They bore the corpse on their shoulders, turning their faces away from it in evident terror. Parsees are also to be seen carrying 3 or 4 corpses in a single line, there being only 5 or 6 mourners. It is stated that in the Tower of Silence, where the Parsees expose their dead on an iron grating to be consumed by birds of prey, the bodies of large numbers who have died of the plague remain uneaten by the vultures.

EUROPEAN PRECAUTIONS.

ROME, Jan. 16.—It is officially announced that the Governments of England, France, Austria, Germany, Russia, and Turkey have accepted the proposal of the Italian Government for holding in Rome an International Conference to consider the danger to Europe which may result from the importation of the Bubonic plague now raging in Bombay and other places in British India.—CENTRAL NEWS.

CHARGE AGAINST A DOCTOR.

James Smith, surgeon, of Walcott-sq., Kennington, was indicted at Newington Sessions for embezzling £218, the moneys of his late employer, Dr. Barbour, of Newington Causeway.—The jury found defendant not guilty of taking the money with fraudulent intent, and considered the accounts of the practice were kept in a loose manner. They also considered the charges made against Dr. Barbour and his family to be entirely unfounded.—Defendant said he now withdrew those imputations against the sobriety of prosecutor and his wife, which were totally unsupported by evidence, and apologised for them.—Discharged.

The 17th annual meeting of the Young Abstainers' Union was held last evening at Exeter Hall.

THE ESSEX TRAGEDY.

ADJOURNED INQUEST AND VERDICT.

Last evening Mr. Lewis resumed his inquest at Laindon on Charles Meen Walden, 32, a farmer and postmaster, who is alleged to have been shot by his brother, at the residence of their mother, "The Elms," Basildon. William Walden, a market gardener, now stands remanded from the Billericay Police Court on the charge of wilfully and feloniously murdering deceased.—Supt. Allen represented the police, and Mr. Russel appeared on behalf of accused, who was not present during the proceedings.—From the evidence given at the police court proceedings and at the opening of the inquest, it appeared that on the night in question the 2 brothers had supper together at the mother's house. Directly afterwards an altercation occurred between them respecting a cow belonging to deceased, who took a gun from the wall, remarking, "I will show you," or words to that effect. In the course of the struggle for the gun deceased was shot.—Alice Walden, the mother, who described the struggle, positively asserted that deceased had hold of the trigger, and the accused the barrel. In reply to questions, she said deceased was of a very excitable nature, and 3 years ago pointed a gun at his brother. Accused man some years ago was a constable in the metropolitan police, and attached to the L Division.—The coroner having read the evidence given at the opening of the inquest, the mother was recalled, and said that whenever the brothers quarrelled deceased was always the aggressor. Deceased was in

A "VIOLENT PASSION"

when he took the gun from the wall. As he left the room witness said, "Remember, Charles, it is 3 years ago tomorrow since your poor father died. Deceased replied, "I care for no one."—The Rev. H. Carpenter, residing at Basildon Rectory, deposed that about 11.15 p.m. on the night of the tragedy he had gone to bed, and was aroused by hearing some one calling him by name. Witness went downstairs, and on opening the door found William Walden there. Witness asked him to come in, and said, "What is the matter, William?" He replied, "I think I have shot my brother, and I think he is dead."—Coroner: What condition was he in?—Witness: He was agitated and excited, and his hands and face were smothered in blood; he kept repeating "I

HAVE KILLED MY BROTHER,

for God's sake come back to the house," which witness did, and there found the dead body of Charles on the couch. William exclaimed, "Oh, to think that I should be my brother's murderer." Witness then left to put his pony in to fetch the doctor, and whilst doing so William came again to the house and said, "I wish to give myself up as my brother's murderer; will you fetch Constable Peters?"—By the Coroner: On going back to the house William, his mother, and a little boy were present. When asked by the constable, who duly cautioned him, the accused replied, "I have nothing to say." On the application of the constable, the gun was produced from under a bed. Witness found one barrel charged and the hammer at half cock. The other barrel had been discharged, and the hammer was right down on to the nipple. There was blood along the passage, and also a very large quantity on the kitchen floor where the deceased had fallen.—By the Jury: Accused did not make any statement referring to the case as being an accident, but several times he repeated "to think I have killed him, and that I am his murderer."

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

—Dr. J. Marshall, of Wickford, deposed to examining the body of the deceased, and finding a large wound on the left side of the neck, and such a wound as would be caused by a gun shot. Witness had since made a most careful post mortem examination, which showed that the diameter of the wound was 2in., and was just below the left ear. The direction was horizontal and had divided the jugular vein and several muscles of the neck, causing instantaneous death.—Coroner: Can you form any opinion how far off the gun was when discharged?—Witness: I do not think it could have been quite close. (Sensation.) It is rather difficult to speak with certainty. Witness added that he found no trace of any wad in the wound.—By Mr. Russell: Witness could form no accurate idea how far the muzzle of the gun was away from deceased when fired.—Coroner: Could the wound have been caused by deceased himself?—Witness: It is very unlikely, in my opinion. (The gun was here examined by the jury, and it was found that the triggers were exceptionally strong and in perfect order.)—P.C. Peters proved

ARRESTING ACCUSED,

who said, "I wish you to take me." Witness cautioned him not to make any statement unless he wished. He replied, "I have nothing else to say. There was a struggle for the gun. All through that old cow." In witness's presence Mrs. Walden, the mother, said, "I do not know how it happened. I was in the room at the time." On the way to the police station, accused said, "I wish I had got the doctor to examine me to say if I am the worse for drink or not."—By the Coroner: In witness's opinion, William was perfectly sober.

VERDICT.

Further evidence having been given, the coroner summed up, and the jury, after consulting in private for half an hour, returned a verdict that the deceased died from the effects of a gun shot wound, but whether accidental or otherwise, there was not sufficient evidence to prove.

THE BURGLAR DOCTOR.

EXTRAORDINARY DETAILS OF HIS SHAMEFUL CAREER.

Charles Grant, otherwise "Dr. Montagu," 62, described as a chemist, was convicted at the Criminal Court of burglary in N. London.—There were several cases against the accused, who at the time of his arrest was representing himself to be a doctor. It was proved that prisoner had had several sentences of penal servitude, and that he was out on ticket-of-leave on a sentence of 14 years at the time he was arrested.—He was sentenced to 5 years' penal servitude.

SKETCH OF HIS CAREER.

"Dr. Henry Montagu" started in life as a chemist, and about the time that the notorious Charles Peace was plying his nefarious calling was in business at Blackheath. He soon, however, relinquished a profession which apparently was not congenial to the natural bent of his genius, and he embarked on the more hazardous and less respectable one of a swell cracksman. For the nerve, boldness, and ingenuity displayed in carrying out his plans, and with regard to the disguises by which he has contrived to baffle the best endeavours of some of the most experienced detectives to arrest him, Grant is stated to

SURPASS CHARLES PEACE.

Like Peace, he recognised the importance of working single-handed, and his operations were carried out in much the same way as those of that celebrated criminal. Curious to note, he had a great passion for books, notably scientific works, but only the most valuable were removed with the other booty that he seized upon. Upon his last release from penal servitude, on ticket-of-leave, he engaged swell apartments in Pimlico, in the name of "Dr. Harvey." Having a good education, and being an exceedingly well-spoken man, he speedily gained the confidence of his landlord, and for months the imposition was perpetuated. During this time not the slightest suspicion was aroused as to

HIS REAL OCCUPATION.

He spent the day in prowling round the suburbs watching for houses occupied by widows who had just lost their husbands, and anticipating the departure of the family on a visit to relatives in the country, particulars of which he managed to obtain from various sources in the neighbourhood. He made an entrance at night, either by cutting through a wall or forcing a window, and completely stripped the premises. The marked audacity of the man is shown by the fact that in many instances he paid 3 and 4 visits to a house in order to thoroughly ransack it. In one case, which the police have knowledge of,

FOUR LARGE TRUNKS,

packed with booty, were taken by this daring criminal out of a house by the front door in broad daylight, and he engaged 3 strangers to wheel them to the Balham Station. He wore a silk hat, frock coat, with collar and cuffs, carried jewellery and an umbrella, and at the time he was believed to be the proprietor of the house. The policeman on the beat was deceived. No fewer than 13 burglaries have been traced to Grant; he got 14 years' penal servitude on the last conviction but one, the aggregate value of the proceeds of the burglaries being estimated at some hundreds of pounds. He failed to report himself to the police after liberation from gaol, and the circumstances attending his re-arrest are interesting. Numerous complaints were being made by residents in various parts of the metropolis respecting burglaries and the loss of property, none of which could be traced, and in consequence detectives were told off on special duty to keep observation in particular districts. One night Grant was discovered offering for sale at a small shop

TWO VALUABLE BOOKS,

and as he could not give the detective a satisfactory account as to how he obtained possession of them, he was taken to the police station, and his identity established, notwithstanding his "get up." He was charged with failing to report himself. In the meantime, Grant's landlady, alarmed at the absence of her lodger, communicated to the police, and "Dr. Harvey" was reported missing. To her surprise she found subsequently that her lodger was in the hands of the police. His apartments proved to have been furnished with the most exquisite taste with the very articles, the proceeds of recent burglaries. He brought the articles home at intervals, and, to satisfy his landlady's curiosity, told her that many of the things were presents to him from an old friend, who was

A "WOMAN HATER."

It next came to the knowledge of the police that "Dr. Henry Montagu" rented a large house in Douglas-rd., Canonbury, which he obtained on a doubtful reference, and from all appearances this would seem to have been specially designed to fulfil the purposes of a depot for the reception of plunder. There was a furnace for melting plate, &c. A cab load of property was recovered, most of which has been restored to its rightful owners. At one house Grant left behind him on the table in the dining-room an open razor and a spade. Grant made a very plausible speech to the jury in defence, urging that the property was brought to him by other persons, and that he innocently

"TOOK CARE" OF IT

for them. The public are indebted to Insp. Leach, Sergt. White, and Det. Jupe, for it is in the main due to their exertions that the career of this dangerous criminal has been checked for a time, and that valuable property has been recovered. The convict's ticket expires on June 26, 1900; he will then commence the 5 years' sentence passed on him last Tuesday.

The distribution of associateship diplomas of the Royal College of Organists took place yesterday, when 27 students out of a total of 156 succeeded in satisfying the examiners.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES.

During recent years many agencies have been inaugurated in the West End, having for their object the amelioration of the condition of the poor in the East End, thus rendering poverty and suffering less acute than would otherwise have been the case. One of these societies is the Young Helpers' League—a union of boys and girls, chiefly of the upper and middle classes formed to aid crippled, blind, deaf and dumb, and ailing children of the waif class in connection with Dr. Barnardo's Homes — of which the president and vice-president are the Duchess of Teck and the Duchess of York respectively. Yesterday afternoon the annual children's entertainment for the benefit of the funds took place in the Albert Hall, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering. A feature of the proceedings was that no speeches were delivered. The whole arena was occupied by waif children, who for 2 hours ministered to the enjoyment of the audience. Various games were indulged in. Music was given by a choir of 600 voices, accompanied by young instrumentalists. There was also an alphabetical nursery rhyme, naval and musical drill, and gymnastics. Much amusement and interest was aroused by a stirring game of football (Association, 7 a side), while the children themselves, as well as the audience, were afterwards entertained by a series of animated photographs and special limelight pictures. Canon Fleming presided, and during the proceedings the Duchess of Somerset, who was accompanied by the duke, received a number of purses from junior companions for the funds of the league, each containing not less than £2 10s., and from senior companions, or members of the public, not less than £5 5s.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

Col. Kinder will to-morrow complete his extended period of service in command of the 2nd Batt. Devonshire Regt., and will be succeeded by Maj. Noon, who joined the Army in 1870. Maj. G. M. Bullock, 1st Batn. will be appointed second in command of the 2nd Batn. of the Regt.

Maj.-Sir G. Thomas yesterday gave up command of the 11th Field battery and goes to India to command C battery R.H.A. in succession to Lieut.-Col. Rochfort, who has given up the command on promotion.

Lieut.-Gen. Buchanan, C.B., will on Tuesday retire from the army after over 46 years' service. He served in the Crimean War and in the Jowaka Expedition, when he commanded a column. Gen. Buchanan served many years in the Norfolk Regt., the 2nd Batn. of which he at one time commanded. He was for a time Dpty.-qr-mr.-gen. in Ireland; subsequently commanded the 3rd Infantry Brigade at Aldershot, and afterwards the Eastern District at Colchester. Maj.-gen. Sir Baker Russell will be promoted lieut.-gen. to fill the vacancy.

Capt. Cotton, 1st Batn. Oxfordshire Light Infantry, and who was lately adjt. of the 2nd Vol. Batn. Oxfordshire L.I., was yesterday appointed to command the depot companies of the regt., while Maj. Elton, 1st Batn. Connaught Rangers was appointed to command the depot cos. of the regiment.

Yesterday, Lieut.-col. Stanley, A.S.C., who has since, last May served as Dpty.-asst.-adjt.-gen. on the staff of Maj.-gen. J. F. Maurice, C.B., commanding the Woolwich district, took over the appointment of Dpty.-asst.-adjt.-gen. for transport at Woolwich Arsenal, in place of Lieut.-col. Stevens, who on that day completed his 5 years' service. Lieut.-col. Stevens has now joined the staff of Gen. Maurice.

Yesterday Brevet-maj. Beale, 1st Batn. Norfolk Regt., took over the adjtcy. of the 3rd Batn. Norfolk Regt. Lieut. Hutchison has also become adjt. of the 1st Batn. North Staffordshire Regt., in place of Brevet-maj. Marwood, and to-morrow Capt. Boothby, 1st Batn. Lincolnshire Regt., will take over the appmt. of adjt. 1st Volunteer Batn. of that regiment.

Col. Swiney will to-morrow be placed on the retired list on attaining the age of 57. He joined the Army in 1857, and served for a time in the Indian Army, when he took part in the Indian Mutiny campaign. He was for some time in command of the 1st Batn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, and was from 1886 to 1893 chief of the 32nd (Cornwall) Regtl. District.

The following appointments were notified at the Admiralty yesterday:—Surg. S. H. Birt, to Wildfire; Bonana, B. Walley to Resolution, J. R. Saunders to Victory, additional for Duke of Wellington, all to date Jan. 14. Retirements: Lieut. W. Corbett placed on retired list, with rank of commander; Staff-comrs. Lilburn placed on retired list, with rank of captain, both to date Jan. 8.

The following movements of H.M. ships have been reported.

Sheerness: Gleaner paid off, 15th.

Devonport: Magnificent, Hermione, Bellona, and Halcyon sailed for Portland, 16th.

Queenstown: Gossamer sailed for Kingstown.

Port Said: Melpomene arrived, 15th, sailed 16th, to Malta.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

Secretary (s), Oran, Mill Hole, Finzi and Co.
Virgo (s), Hamburg, Norwood's Tug, G. S. N. Co.
Heron (s), Genoa, Fresh Wharf, G. S. N. Co.
Giraud (s), Ostend, T.D., Scaife J. Cockerill.
Ambrose (s), Carthagena, Mill Hole, Finzi and Co.
Egret (s), Rotterdam, Fountain Tar, G. Sabn.
Merlin (s), Havre, Eastlane, G. S. N. Co.
Capella (s), Hamburg, Rides, Droleenaux and Co.
Arvid, Limehamn, S.C.D., Gransund and Co.
Cadiz (s), Gibraltar, L.D., J. Hall, jun.
Times (s), Calais, Union Tug, Sohle and Sons.
Astronom (s), Hamburg, T.D., Pettiack and Co.
Edith Mary, Dunkirk, Yarmouth, Walker Howard.
Helene (s), Fredericstadt, S.C.D., Tegner, Price.
Condor (s), Bremen, S.E.D., Phillips and Co.

FORECASTS OF WEATHER.

ENGLAND, N.E., ENGLAND, N.W. and N. Wales, SCOTLAND, W.... } Light variable airs; dull, some mist or fog.

ENGLAND, E.... MIDLAND COUNTIES, ENGLAND, S. (London Channel) } North-easterly winds, light; dull, misty or foggy; slight snow in places.

ENGLAND, S.W., and S. Wales. } North-easterly winds, light; fair generally, but local fogs.

TIDE TABLE FOR THE WEEK.

	London.		Liverpool.		Bristol.		Hull.	
	mrn.	aft.	mrn.	aft.	mrn.	aft.	mrn.	aft.
S	9 36	1 14	10 30	10 51	6 16	6 38	5 25	5 45
M	1 36	1 57	11 12	11 32	7 1	7 23	6 7	6 29
T	2 18	2 37	11 51	....	7 42	8 1	6 46	7 8
W	2 56	3 14	0 10	0 30	8 19	8 39	7 28	7 44
T	3 33	3 52	0 50	1 9	8 57	9 15	8 7	8 23
F	4 11	4 30	1 28	1 47	9 36	9 52	8 45	9 4
S	4 49	5 9	2 6	2 26	10 11	10 30	9 24	9 45

Mr. Paul Taylor took his seat on the bench at the N. London Police Court for the last time yesterday.

CIGARETTE PAPERS.

By JOSEPH HATTON.

The West African Disaster.

In connection with the terrible affair in West Africa I recall an after-dinner chat with the late Sir Richard Burton about the West Coast. It was at the time when some of us were beginning to give up Stanley and his immediate followers as lost. Sir Richard, I remember, expressed the greatest faith not only in Stanley's natural good luck, but in his executive ability, his courage, his discretion, and his experience. Talking about West Africa, he was most concerned with its gold prospects, and seemed to think a great deal more of the dangers and miseries of its climate than the perils to be encountered from native treachery. He had suffered more severely from fever during his expedition "to the Gold Coast for gold" than in any other country. The fetish practices of Benin seem to be more or less common; but Benin, it is to be hoped, is exceptional in its King, who seems to be as fiendishly addicted to human sacrifices as was the King of Dahomey. If British justice follows outrage on British subjects with its customary alacrity Nemesis is already on the heels of the King of Benin and his supposed advisers.

Benin's Grim Court.

Benin is said to be the seat of a powerful theocracy of fetish priests. It is possible that the fetish priest or sorcerer may be in specially strong force at Benin; but fetish practices are common throughout the whole of Africa, though the West Coast natives are among the lowest order of uncivilised creatures. Only the inborn courage of the British and the consciousness of the long and protecting arm of the Government at home could carry our pioneers of civilisation into such a grim Court as that of King Benin, its surrounding wall decorated with skulls and impressions of the bloody hand of the monarch who is only to be approached through compound after compound, and possibly with a crucified woman as a warning or a sacrifice by the way. The wonder is that from such inhuman material we have in many savage lands built up commercial alliances and converted kings as barbarous as he of Benin into almost decent and pacific rulers. The protection England gives to her subjects abroad and her exaction of justice and indemnity for their murderous taking-off is a feature of British Government which our American cousins are never tired of praising. The new year opens somewhat sadly; but the signing of the Treaty of Arbitration with the United States and the growing money subscription for India somewhat lightens the shadow of the massacre in West Africa.

Fetish Priests and Idols.

Talking of the fetish priests, Sir Richard Burton encountered more frequently the less exalted practitioner outside the immediate precincts of the Court. I suppose the Benin sorcerer outshines the mere village expert just as the specialist in London exceeds the family doctor of the hamlet. Nevertheless, one of these West Coast gentry whom Sir Richard encountered was sufficiently powerful to make the villagers fear him and beget at least an outward show of deference from travellers. It was believed, and he supported his pretensions with certain clever manifestations, that he could rise in the night, cast off his body like a snake's slough, become a loup-garou, shoot flames from his eyes, ears, and mouth, walk on his head and kill whom he chose by drinking his blood or catching his shadow, which he boiled and devoured. The impostor, however, wields a deadly power, which is poison, and he is unscrupulous in the use of it. It is a higher civilisation on the Congo that makes a fetish idol for itself and breaks it when it is unpropitious in its influences. I have one of these, looking down upon me while I make this cigarette paper, an image with a grin and a damaged front tooth that looks very real. By its side is a fetish of another tribe, who has a looking-glass in his breast, so that its actions are more transparent than the other's; they are both worthy and respectable companions; I have never know them to harm a soul, and they submit to be dusted with no less humility than an effigy of Jenny Lind and a Chinese god that until a few years ago spent quite a number of years in Wardour-st.

Sunny Brighton.

They have had a fine time at London-by-the-Sea. Presently the east wind will touch them up. It has a fierce February snap as it courses along the King's-rd. and slaps you in the face from the tributary streets. There are those who like the pinch and crack of it. Solomon did not care for it. Kinglake joined issue with the poet king. If you are in robust health, and the balance at your bankers is equally strong, it must be a fine sensation to fight it and laugh, as it whistles round street corners and shrivels up weaker mortals. Meanwhile Brighton is delightful. While almost unchanging pall of mist and fog depresses the heart of you in London, the city by the sea is bright and sunny. It was strange to receive a telegram from London—"Don't come up; it is a black fog; traffic suspended, except where trains are running into each other and cabs are pioneered with torches." The sun shining with a genial westerly wind, King's-rd. alive with holiday traffic, cyclists spinning along every thoroughfare, the Grand Avenue crowded with wheels, novices taking lessons, experts giving them; guests sitting in the hall of the Metropole, doors wide open; the music of the coachguard's horn sounding merrily; the whole place alive and gay. If it had been Ostend or Dieppe, or the most ordinary Continental town, there would have been a great public lounge, with a fine band, and other places of pleasant resort. Yet the Brighton authorities seem to be continually trying to add to the attractions of the town. Why don't they go and take lessons abroad, at Aix-les-Bains, for instance?

"The Late Lamented."

They talk and write of the old Chain Pier at Brighton as if it had been a sentient being, an old friend, a citizen, a comrade. Even in announcing the sale by auction of the wreckage the auctioneers advertised the lots as "useful timber and relics of the late-lamented pier." Along the sea front, where a few ragged timbers mark the line of the wreck, dealers are busy with collections of nuts and bolts, strips of iron and blocks of timber, which find ready purchasers by way of mementoes of "the late lamented." Brooches, picture-frames, tobacco-boxes, pipe-heads, and other useful and ornamental things are being constructed out of the timbers. I was shown a horse-shoe burnished to the brightness of silver that had been hammered out of a piece of chain. It was mounted upon a panel of polished oak, a souvenir of "many a happy day and the loss of a dear friend." This is quite in the local spirit. The Chain Pier, once the pride and glory of Brighton, has become at last an old-world memory. The old Chain Pier had been doomed for some time. The new Central Pier in course of erection close by was to supersede it; and Mr. John George Bishop, in his exhaustive history of the original undertaking, idealises the "late lamented" in sympathy with the general sentiment, "It was perhaps a little working of the hand of Fate that the Chain Pier, in its last moments, should strike a blow of some sort at the newer rival, which indirectly in some manner had been the cause of its abandonment."

The "Proprieties" Then and Now.

Who is it that said "Whenever a new book is published I take an old one from my shelves"? Of course, he did not quite mean that. Very few people mean what they say. Want of earnestness kills the "budding reputation" of many a young author. At the same time it is good now and then to refresh one's memory with the books of dead men, in the midst of the works of the living. Wilkie Collins's "Basil" was condemned by a certain class of readers "as an outrage on their sense of propriety." Taking up one of the new volumes of this masterly writer of fiction, just published by Chatto and Windus, I compared it with a sample of recent fiction which has been thought worthy of large distribution by the most straight-laced of librarians. It is "Hyperion to a satyr." Nothing shows the pace we have gone in the direction of pruriency, not to say filth, in fiction, more than looking back to the criticisms of Wilkie Collins's second novel some forty years ago. The author sought no occasion to defend himself, but went on with his work, and left "Basil" to justify itself. Ten years later, in a preface to a new edition, he wrote:—I allowed the prurient misrepresentation of certain perfectly innocent passages in this book to assert itself as offensively as it pleased. I knew that 'Basil' had nothing to fear from pure-minded readers, and I left the pages to stand or fall on such merits as they possessed." He was right. "Basil" is as readable and genuinely exciting to-day as it was when it came from the press with the approval of a conscientious and ingenious writer. There was a time when "Ouida" was tabooed even in liberal households, and "Gr.fith Gaunt," by Charles Reade, was stopped in its serial course by the editor of the "New York Times," who had purchased the American rights for his Sunday edition. Years afterwards I heard Mr. George Jones express a Christian horror of such a story appearing in the carefully edited literary pages of his journal. Yes, we have marched on—or backwards—since those days; and yet, if you read Wilkie Collins and his famous contemporaries to-day, you will find a great and grave underlying purpose in such passages of life as were said to have ruffled the proprieties of the domestic hearth. The trouble is that in our day the novel has become the medium of every cult, the controversial ground of every "ism" and sch.sm and fad and idiocy under the sun. It dominates every social, ethical, and medical arena of debate; and, on the whole, I suppose, comes out wonderfully well, considering how the "wheels of fancy's chariot" are clogged with the mud of a busy and blatant epoch.

Twelfth Night in Town and Country.

Several correspondents send me confirmatory letters having regard to my Lincolnshire experiences of "Plough Monday." One of them refers to "The Book of Days," which gives "some added incidents to the procession, notably a plough to which a dozen smock-frocked 'sons of the soil' are yoked." I never saw this in Lincolnshire, but I remember a Plough Monday company of processionists and street actors in Derbyshire, who were variously called "morris dancers" and "mummers," that trailed a plough in their midst. It was decorated with ribbons. They had a "fool" and a "molly" in the company, and were a different set of persons altogether from the Christmas masqueraders. An ex-Lord Mayor of the City of London, a constant reader of "The People," is good enough to remind me that "Plough Monday" is celebrated by a festal function at the Mansion House, but he has not been able to satisfactorily trace the origin of the custom. I always understood it to be the active beginning of farm work in Lincolnshire, the end of the dead season of winter, and according to Chambers this seems to be in accord with the general spirit of the celebration. "The first Monday after Twelfth Night is for the year Plough Monday, a rustic festival, heretofore of great account in England, bearing in its first aspect, like St. Distaff's Day, reference to the resumption of labour after the Christmas holidays. In Catholic times the ploughmen kept lights burning before certain images in churches to obtain a blessing on their work; and they were accustomed on this day to go about in procession gathering money for the support of these plough lights, as they were called. The Reformation put out the lights, but it could not extinguish the festival."

"Plough Monday."

It is no use to try and force the revival of ancient customs that have lapsed, though laudable efforts are made to do so in various quarters. In these days the celebration of Christmas begins so long before the properly appointed time that we are worn out with the business of festival before Twelfth Night arrives. In my childhood it was religiously kept. The confectioners' shops were gaily decorated and crowded with richly ornamented cakes that were disposed of in lotteries. Some of them contained valuable prizes. In the most important households the festal cake was made at home, and contained a bean. Whoever found the bean in his piece of cake was King of the Revels. The cake was cut after tea, and there was a rough kind of masque and dancing afterwards. In Durham not many years ago the custom survived in a more prosaic celebration. I was invited to "cut the cheese" at a distinguished citizen's house on Twelfth Night. After supper a fine cheese was formally cut, in company with a rich plum cake, and we drank each other's healths in spiced wine. Like many other festivals, Twelfth Night had its English origin in connection with rural occupations. The purpose of its celebration was to secure a blessing for the fruits of the earth. Ancient chroniclers set forth the quaint customs of the time in curious detail. The Lord Mayor and Aldermen and City Guilds used to go to St. Paul's in state on Twelfth Day. In the last century the King, gaily heralded and attended by knights of the Garter and Thistle and Bath, went to the Chapel Royal, St. James's, on Twelfth Night, "and offered gold, myrrh, and frankincense in imitation of the Eastern Magi to Our Saviour." Up to the present time it is customary to let the holly and mistletoe remain on our walls until Twelfth Night is over, and the exhibition of something in the way of Christmas decoration is universal throughout the land, London not excepted.

"That's for Remembrance."

It is in token of the last of the festival that Herrick quaintly sings:—

Down with the rosemary, and so
Down with the baies and mistletoe,
Down with the holly, ivie, and all
Wherewith ye deck the Christmas hall,

which reminds us how completely rosemary seems to have been superseded as a Christmas decoration, yet in the old days its silver leaves mingled with the holly and the mistletoe on the oak-panelled walls of English manor-houses. The boar's head was garnished with sprigs of rosemary, and the jolly topers who washed down their food with heavy draughts of lambs' wool would not have believed that it was Christmas if a branch of rosemary had not been provided to stir the fragrant concoction. In Latin the herb is called Rosmarius, signifying "the dew of the sea." It came originally from lands that were refreshed by salt breezes. Culpepper, in his British Herbal, says:—"It helpeth a weak memory and quickeneth the senses." Our forefathers believed in it greatly as a mental healer. As the emblem of "remembrance" it is embalmed in our best poetry, and to-day it is the title of one of the most "simple sweet" charming comedies, a story evidently inspired by Dickens, and characteristic of the master's most human instincts. "Rosemary," oddly enough one of London's greatest successes, and played to cordial audiences in the cities of America, did not win approval in the English provinces, though the leading part had the distinction of being acted by Mr. Murray Carson, one of the authors of the play.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

(Questions requiring to be answered the same week must reach the office by Tuesday morning. We do not give opinions on legal documents, whether for valuation, quoted, or referred to, nor can we undertake to solve knotty problems, or to deal with voluminous questions, or to instruct in the several methods of getting married. Valuations, whether of coins, books, or other property, are never given. Letters should be written on ink and marked outside "Legal," "Household," "Miscellaneous," or otherwise. The coupon given below must be forwarded for each question, with name and address of the questioner in all cases, but not for publication when a nom de plume is appended. Neither addresses nor recommendations are ever given. All rejected MSS. unaccompanied by stamped addressed covers will be destroyed. Requests for recipes should be addressed to "Recipehold.")

CORRESPONDENCE COUPON.

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This must be cut out and forwarded with any question.

LOST AND FOUND.

(1. Notices to contain the following particulars only. Name of missing person, how long since last heard of, relationship to applicant, address and full description. 2. Must have been missing for over one year at least. 3. Notice must come direct from relations. 4. Rewards will not be given. Notices which do not comply with these rules can only be inserted in the "Personal" advertising column at the usual charge.)

MEDICAL ADVICE.

(A physician, whose qualifications for the work are of the highest, answers ordinary questions of a medical nature in ordinary cases the reply is given without charge under the heading Medical in these columns, but when written prescriptions are necessary the applicant must send stamped addressed envelope and a shilling postal order. This course must also be adopted wherever the question is of such a delicate nature as to be unfit to be dealt with publicly. The word "Medical" should appear outside.)

PATENTS.

(As we have no room for detailed information respecting the taking out of patents and collateral matters, we forward all such communications to a professional agent, who supplies the information free of charge to inquirers. The envelope should be inscribed "Patent" on the address side.)

LEGAL.

E. Proctor.—The whole to the father; replies are never returned by post.

Obstruction.—You had better set a lawyer at him.

J. White.—As we do not file the addresses of released convicts it is not in our power to supply the information. Perhaps the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society may know where he is.

Baldin.—Inquire at Somerset House.

Donovan.—No compensation claimable; a week's notice.

S. E. B.—Clearly a case for counsel's opinion on the will.

Toogel.—Not unless he has been out of the kingdom.

F. A. Padwick.—They can.

Son.—The executors must take out probate.

A. B. A. H.—If the land is freehold it passes to the heir-at-law. One question one coupon.

W. P. B.—Take lega. proceedings against the council.

Weston-S.-Mare.—He could refuse you admission, but if he did without evidence of misconduct he would have to provide you with a maintenance.

Newgierio.—The landlord would be entitled to recover both rent and damages.

Hampton Court.—If you leave her you must provide a separate maintenance.

G. W.—Apparently you are exempt for the tax.

Bricklayer.—It would become a landlord's fixture if made in the way you propose.

Prince.—No claim for compensation.

A. E.—Take counsel's opinion.

A. M.—No claim.

Blackbird.—Would be illegal unless she is dead.

A. H. B.—She was clearly entitled to give you summary dismissal.

Flat.—At end of the year without notice.

Sharpe.—The High Court might be moved to take action.

Rings.—No; they belong to the personal estate.

F. H.—A week's notice appears to be sufficient.

W. B. J.—There is nothing to hinder you.

Laurel.—You are responsible.

W. Matall.—Fight the case.

Napoleon.—Far too intricate to be dealt with here. Submit the will to a lawyer.

Clockwork.—They can be tried anywhere.

Father.—You cannot prevent it.

Bereaved.—Better postpone acceptance until their time is up.

Brother.—Too late.

C. Nellie.—She appears to have acted within their strict legal rights.

Rome.—Question inadmissible; see rules.

F. M. F.—Yes, there is.

Loco.—She has become its owner, and can do with it as she pleases.

Vitalois Barbier.—At 60 years, except for coroner's juries.

H. T.—Impossible to say without inspecting the title deeds.

Kassassin.—No; they belong to the landlord.

R. B.—Take it to Somerset House and the value of the stamp will be stated.

Novice.—Six months should be given so as to expire on July 29.

W. T. Thompson.—Lawyer's signature unnecessary in both cases.

R. Ross.—Quite impossible for us to guess the reason for the difference, except that the valuations may differ.

A. B. C.—No claim whatever.

M. H.—It is a valid notice, as you had become a tenant on sufferance.

Exon.—The matter is governed by the rules of the society.

Tommy Stout.—You are powerless.

Basin.—Three months.

J. Hathaway.—You can take it away if it is your own property.

Southsea.—Certainly not; it would be fraudulent.

W. T. E.—County of Surrey, but there is no occasion to give any address.

Devonshire.—Her share devolves on your children.

In Doubt.—Recovery barred.

W. A.—Proceed for ejectment.

Wild Goose.—You appear to have acted quite rightly; sue at once.

Charter.—Question inadmissible; see rules.

Unit.—Inquire at Inland Revenue Office.

Perplexed.—Not without her consent.

Dobson.—Of course it is, being a regular bank.

Moses.—You are not liable personally, but the whole of the deceased's estate is.

B. S.—It would depend upon the view the magistrate took of the case.

J. Sadd.—There must be cruelty as well.

Vesper.—If the removal is clandestine you can follow the goods within a month.

T. W. P.—You cannot prevent it.

Vera.—Yes.

R. H. M.—Consult a solicitor.

J. Brackraw.—1. If you did so they would counter claim for the rent. 2. Proper names should be given.

Anxious Father.—The marriage holds good.

Topper.—Your own fault; no remedy.

Dick.—Rent must be paid, but you might sue for loss consequent on breach of contract.

Brawny.—He might claim, but prosecution would depend upon surrounding circumstances.

Medal.—If you do not take care what you are about, you will land yourself in serious trouble.

M. A. R.—Yes.

Married Woman.—If the marriage took place before 1883, her goods can be taken; if at a later date, they are protected against her husband's creditors.

Doubtful.—Her goods cannot be taken.

C. E. Kirwood.—Sue in county court, and let him set forth the counter claim if he choos s. We assume that you have not taken delivery of the cabinet.

A. Williams.—She should have obtained the order before her marriage; it is too late now.

F. M.—Apply to the court which dealt with the case.

A. S.—No farther claim.

Tiny.—No.

Hornfield.—Nothing can be done until proof is obtained of the missing man's death.

Anxious (M. R.).—All you have to do is to refuse to hand over a single farthing of your earnings.

Still Anxious.—Unless she obtains the order before getting married she will forfeit all claim.

MEDICAL.

Somerset.—We do not give the names of business addressed through the columns of the paper; if you wish a written reply conform to the rules in notes to correspondents.

Zenda.—1. The mixture you wish would depend upon your ailment. 2. Linseed, 180 grains; fresh liquorice root sliced, 60 grains; boiling water, 10 ounces; infuse 4 hours and strain.

A. B. C.—Wash the head once in 10 days at bed-time in warm water, using lanoline pine tar soap, dry well, and daily apply to the hair and its roots some of this ointment: Ungt hydrarg ammon, 2 drachms; ungt cantharid, 1 drachm; lanoline, ½ ounce; vaseline alb, 3 drachms.

E. Z.—You require to be carefully examined before advice can be given in your case.

Sabdo.—1. means an inflammatory condition of a vein.

Pimples (London).—As for "E. Z."

J. Hagges.—Daily apply some of the salicylic acid co.lodion.

Lengall.—Take ½ ounce of this medicine after each meal: Mag carb, 2 drachms; sodii sulph, 1 ounce; sp ammon co, 4 drachms; aq menth pip, to 10 ounces.

Eczema.—Wash the part but seldom, but when doing so use clean, tepid water and lanoline pine tar soap, dry well; apply each night a small quantity of this ointment: Hydrarg ammon chlor, 15 grains; liq carbonis detergens, 1 drachm; lanoline and vaseline, of each equal parts to 1 ounce; take ½ ounce of this medicine in as much water after each meal: Sodii bicarb, 2 drachms; mag sulph, ½ ounce; inf rhei, 2 ounces; sp ammon co, 3 drachms; liq foweri, ½ drachm; inf calumbæ, to 10 ounces; avoid beer and tobacco.

Throaty.—Slowly dissolve one of the following voice tabloids in the mouth before using the voice: Tabellæ potassi chlor et boracis et cocaine hydro chlor.

The Unknown.—As for "E. Z."

Torksandia.—1. It depends entirely upon the extent and character of the disease. 2 and 3. Cannot be answered without first making a careful examination.

Workman.—We thank you for your letter, and are glad to know that the treatment we recommended has entirely cured you.

L. H.—Apply a small quantity of this liquid each night at bed-time and allow the hair to dry: Gum arabic in powder, 20 grains; borax, 2 drachms; hot water, 6 ounces; spirit of camphor, 2½ drachms; clean, cold water, to 10 ounces; dissolve the borax and the gum in the hot water; when cold add the camphor, then make up with cold water to 10 fluid ounces.

Harry Penny.—Take 1 or 2 teaspoonfuls of this mixture when the cough is troublesome: Olei anisi, 15 drops; sanch ats, 4 drachms; tinct camph co, 3 drachms; vin ipecac, 2 drachms; carified honey, 4 ounces; aq destill, 10 ounces; Rub the oil with the sugar and add it to the other ingredients previously mixed.

J. Wise.—Sponge the affected part daily with some of the penus sulphide solution of calcium; see that their surroundings are clean and healthy; change their clothes frequently.

Anxious Mater.—As for "E. Z."

Grant.—Wash the part twice a week at bed-time in warm water, using sulphur skin soap, dry well; give him a varied nutritious diet of good quality and 1 teaspoonful of the vinum ferri twice a day after food; also 1 drachm of cod liver oil after his dinner; daily apply some of this ointment to the parts and around: Ungt sulph iod, ungt hyararg ammon chlor, ungt eucalyptia, of each equal parts.

A. W.—As for "Eczema."

Old Joe.—As for "J. Wise."

Devoniensis.—As for "E. Z."

Blind.—As for "Somerset."

Tresco.—1. An operation would cure the pain. 2. It is a serious one.

Kittens Three.—As for "A. B. C."

Connie.—It will discolour them in time.

Manningham (Yorkshire).—As for "E. Z."

Policeman.—Eat your food slowly, masticate it well, drink but little fluid with your meals; get daily walking exercise in the open air; avoid all stimulants and tea; take 1 ounce of this medicine in as much water after each meal: Bismuthi carb, mag carb, sodii bicarb, of each 2 drachms; tinct nucis vom, ½ drachms; sp ammon co, 4 drachms; paraffini, 1 drachm; aq menth pip, to 10 ounces; dress in flannel; as an aperient take 1 or 2 compound sulphur lozenges night and morning as may be necessary; your diet should be a varied one of good quality.

G. A. Skinner.—Cease to shave for a time, or apply some toilet lanoline each time after shaving.

J. R.—Drop into each a few drops of this solution each night at bed-time for a week, and then have them skilfully syringed: Potass bicarb, 4 drachms; aq destill, 4 drachms.

R. R.—1. Certainly not; it is bad for both. 2. We recommend you to follow the advice you have received at the hospital.

Mechanic's Wife.—You diet should be a bland but nutritious one, consisting largely of good fresh milk with limewater, also of chicken soups, meat juices, and jellies. There is no routine of rest; it is bad for both. 2. We recommend you to take a grain subnitrate of bismuth tabloid after the food. All food should be peptonised before taken. If you cannot afford to pay for skilled nursing and medical advice, you would be wise to try and get admitted into the nearest hospital.

T. P.—As for "E. Z."

Nellie.—See that your surroundings are as healthy as possible; get daily into the open air; dress in flannel; take a liberal generous diet of good quality. Take 1 teaspoonful of the following in 2 ounces of water after each meal: Glycerini ferri dialysati, 4 ounces. Dissolve one of the following tabloids in 2 pints of clean tepid water and use daily as a douche through a Higginson's syringe: Tabellæ hydrarg perchlor. As an aperient take 1 or 2 compound sulphur lozenges night and morning as may be necessary.

S. A. C.—Try applying a small quantity of the neat eucalyptia each night at bed-time.

S. W. Payne, Devoniensis.—As for "J. Wise."

Jumbo.—As for "J. Wise."

M. A. R.—You would be wise to get a letter as an in or out-patient before going. If the case is an urgent one they will see you without. You can obtain all information from the secretary.

E. L.—We think you should call in local medical advice.

Mrs. Gates.—Avoid the spirits; take medicine and use tabloids, &c., as for "Nellie."

Savannah.—Use some of this lotion in a glass eye-bath 2 or 3 times a day: Acid boracic, 2 drachms; rose water, to 12 ounces. Apply each night at bed-time to the lids only a small quantity of this ointment: Olei mori, ½ drachm; hydrarg ammon chlor, 4 grains; ceri galeni, 6 drachms.

E. Bryany.—Avoid beer and spirits; dress in flannel. Have the part well massaged daily and well rubbed night and morning with some of this liniment: Lin opii et lin terebinth acet, of each equal parts. Take 1 of these pills 3 times a day after food: Quinæ disulph, 2 grains; ferri redacti, 4 grains. Let us know the result.

Neuranthenia.—Take 1 of these pills 3 times a day after food: Zinci valerian, quinæ valerian, ferri valerian, of each 1 grain; ext aloes aquos, ½ grain.

Sluggish.—You must avoid all stimulants if you wish to keep clear of the complaint. Drink some of the effervescing plain waters or lemonade made from fresh lemons.

Kum.—Certainly not.

Mrs. C. Hunter.—Have the split ends cut off. Observe the directions and use the ointment as for "A. B. C."

Henry E. Lane.—As for "A. B. C."

Algar.—Walk after your dinner in the open air, if possible. Drugs will not help you.

A. B.—As for "Policeman."

Linnet.—You must begin to feed her with good fresh cow's milk, custard puddings, and a little gravy and bread-crumb. Have patience; the teeth will come in time. Do not give her medicine. Let her live much in the open air.

A. M. Davies.—Wash their heads once in 2 weeks at bed-time, using warm water and lanoline pine tar soap; dry well. Daily apply to the hair and its roots some of this ointment: Hydrarg ammon chlor, 10 grains; liq carbonis detergens, 1 drachm; olei petrolei et olei ricini, of each 2 drachms; lanoline (pure) and vaseline, of each ½ ounce. Give them 1 drachm of the vinum ferri after each meal.

Anxious.—1. The only cure is removal by electricity. 2. We can recommend an operator.

Football.—1. As for "Policeman." 2. She would require a careful examination before advice could be given in her case.

Robert.—We thank you for your letter and are glad to know that you have received great benefit from the treatment we recommended.

G. Alfred Brown.—Let him carefully and patiently observe the following directions:—If there are any local abnormalities or diseased conditions of the throat or air passages, these must be remedied. The treatment is then purely educational. The greatest slowness and deliberation must be constantly exercised on all occasions when speaking, clearly and slowly pronouncing each syllable. As soon as he begins to stammer let him stop speaking for a few seconds and deliberately begin again. He should also read aloud practising over and over again with great patience those combinations of sounds which give him the greatest difficulty. Drugs will not help you.

G. Lee.—As for "Policeman."

Rivers.—Take 1 drachm of the syr ferri quinæ et strychniæ phosphat in 2 ounces of water after each meal. Dress in flannel; get daily walking exercise in the open air.

Thomas Wright.—As for "A. M. Davies."

Chips.—1. We thank you for your letter and are glad to know that the treatment we recommended did you so much good. 2. Apply each night at bed-time a small quantity of the ungt boracis.

Wyndsor, J. Nicholls, M. Rugby, A Modest One, G. A. S., F. B., Rita, T. F. H., Staines.—Conform to rules in notes to correspondents, re-state your case, giving your correct name and address, distinctly written, in full.

HOUSEHOLD.

J. F.—We cannot recommend you any special machine. You had better make inquiries at the ironmongers, or some of the houses which advertise such goods.

Spiner.—Best removed with benzol.

E. E.—2.—The fat should be carefully removed from the skin before stuffing; a little powdered burnt alum may be sprinkled on the place left there for a few hours, and then removed.

Dr. G.—Pure and colourless Canada balsam is the best thing we know of if delicacy and transparency are needed, but you do not say the purposes you require it for very definitely. Should the balsam be too thick it can be thinned with benzol.

Machinist.—We cannot advise beyond recommending you to take it where you bought it. A good article certainly should not, after you wore it a few times, show spots of green.

J. S.—We should be very pleased if we knew the recipe to give it to you. It is probably kept secret by the maker.

R. N.—To preserve feathers "there is no need to wetting them.

Poliseer.—Make a saturated solution with water, then mix the clear liquid with the spirit.

Tuscle.—Probably something wrong with the fermenting or the casks; we cannot advise.

Housewife.—You might try mixing up some of the strongest soap lees with quicklime to the consistency of thin cream, lay it on the stains and let it remain for 24 hours, clean it off afterwards with soap and water, and polish well.

Watt.—Arsenical soap.

E. R. (Crew).—Arwinst rules to recommend any particular maker.

Boots.—We should think you could make one up with a little dissolved gum, wax, or resin separately or combined, and tinted with either saffron or turmeric; but you must try experiments for yourself.

E. G. W.—You can get it at any waterproofing shop for a few pence.

Inverness.—Dilute oxalic acid; sponge out with clean water when the stain is removed.

R. S.—Cannot recommend in the matter.

Olive.—We have not room at present to repeat, and refer you to the recipe for sausage stuffing for turkey, given in issue of Dec. 20., in place of chopping up the meat pass it through the machine.

A. B.—1. See "Jack Allround." 2. One or two drops saffron water. 3. At the confectioners' tool making shops.

M. L.—Dissolve in about 2 pounds of tar oil, half a pound of asphalum, and half a pound of powdered resin, mix hot in an iron kettle, and take great care to prevent ignition with the flame, as the least carelessness makes it dangerous work. Let it get cold, it is then ready to use. It will do for either wood or iron.

John.—December 6.

X. Y. Z.—Rotten stone and oil.

Thousand.—We have heard of suspended oakwood, but never tried it. It should be renewed every month.

ANGLING.

E. C. Squires.—Potter Heigham is a capital fishing quarter and good rudd and other fish abound there. Lodgings in the village. Boat uncertain, but might possibly be provided.

NATURAL HISTORY.

C. Park.—You can only persevere with the remedy that you have already tried, and be sure that their run is dry and kept perfectly clean. If you have not already old enough yet; you must constantly say the same things to it, and in time it will be found to imitate you.

P. F.—We can only imagine that you have been giving it too soft food; give it sticks of wood and even pieces of stone to amuse itself with, and hard grain and seeds to eat.

C. S. W.—In some breeds the sexes are almost impossible to distinguish, but the males are a trifle larger and their plumage is slightly more glossy in appearance; they can be best told by their actions.

J. Osborn.—Plantain seed, dock seed, and beech mast, are no doubt sold by most cage-bird dealers.

W. P.—Doses of calomel or areca nut are good vermifuges, but there are specially-prepared powders for this ailment which you can get at any farrier's.

Fox.—Long's Poultry Book, we should say, would suit you; it is published by Upcott Gill, Strand.

L. A. N.—About 1 drachm of areca nut, and, 3 hours after, a dose of cod liver oil.

FINANCIAL.

Three Pots a Shilling.—Not in a Post Office bank, if you have a deposit at any other bank.

W.—One question one coupon. The first-named security is a reasonably safe investment.

T. White.—We cannot find any trace of the company, but you had better inquire of some stockbroker.

GARDENING.

Horus.—Cow or pig manure would suit your light land for a change with the sea weed. There is a new White Cadiolus named Blanche-fleur. It is marked 10s. 6d. each in the catalogues. I have not yet grown it. I think we should take the descriptions of new flowers when made by the raisers cum grano salis. And we do this without impeaching their honesty; they look at things through magnifying spectacles.

E. W.—Name of fern, fragment of which was enclosed, Polypodium Aureum, a golden polypody, native of the West Indies; requires warmth. Move out of gas at night. Do not overwater; twice a week will be often enough now. Give it a larger pot in March or April.

H. F. J.—The propagation of mistletoe is done chiefly by the birds carrying the seeds from tree to tree.

Admirer.—The asphalte over the roots of the mulberry tree has checked its growth by keeping off the rain and air. If you want to save the tree have the asphalte removed from around the trunk, leaving a clear space of 18in. in diameter. The seeds enclosed are the common hardy annual Balsam. You will probably have plenty of plants without sowing seeds, as the seeds scattered last autumn will grow freely. The seeds may be sown in March.

Constant Reader.—Many thanks for sample of fortyfold potatoes, but they are not the same as the sort I grew 25 years ago as Rough Reds. The latter are more even in shape, with eyes not so numerous or so deep. I had fortyfold at the same time, but the quality is not so good, though better than a good many of the potatoes grown now.

A. Allen.—The roses named on post-card are French roses, but I cannot find their names in any French catalogues I have at hand just now.

C. Fowles and Henry Bird.—See "Garden" column next week.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Justinian.—The reference is too obscure for our comprehension.

Binder.—Enlistment in the corps is open to members of all trades and professions.

Chelmsford.—Natural death.

Doris.—1. Recovery is not barred. 2. We cannot suggest any way of finding the missing trinket.

Fidonhor.—The value is exactly what you can induce someone to give.

Maude Wheatley.—We doubt whether they are obtainable except from the maker of the machine.

E. H. E.—There is no publication of the sort, so far as we know.

Monday.—Still in prison.

Old Age.—You are mistaken; the Royal Commission is merely inquiring into the whole subject. Legislation may or may not follow.

Fern.—See reply to Monday.

Bart.—Quite right, if you are on sufficiently intimate terms to drop the surname.

E. Frost.—Questions for different departments must be separately addressed and each be accompanied by a coupon.

Bert.—The paragraph gave all the information in our possession. Addresses are never supplied.

F. Hopkins.—We cannot find any record of the alleged execution.

Cyclops.—For the sake of convenience.

E. G. Sampson.—You can obtain the very best and most trustworthy information at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada, a most instructive letter from whom appeared in our columns only last week.

Sailor.—Many do so every year; everything depends on the man himself.

LOST AND FOUND.

MISSING.

William James, at Buenos Ayres 1889. Mother, Mrs. F. E. Pullbram. 14 years ago at Bronsterstairs. Daughter Alice.

James Henry Hutchins, 5 years missing.

Harris Holland, left Newcastle for New York in 1875 or 1876. Brother.

Jane Bryant, in London some years ago. Sister Lottie.

Elizabeth Fountain or Kearsey, at Hornigsham, Wilts, in 1884. Sister Martha.

James and George Benson, in New Zealand 10 years ago. Brother-in-law.

George Diaper, went to Australia 40 years ago. Sister Ann.

John Sims and his wife, Mary Ann, missing for 3 years. Cousin Mary.

Mrs. William Jones, near Swindon 12 years ago. Niece Eliza.

Elizabeth Fletcher, born Lucas, at Cheltham Hill, 10 years ago. Sister.

John Toms, on board City of Bagdad 1887. Sister Sarah.

Jane Lansdowne or Yeatman, at Sydney, U.S.W., in 1861. Daughter Sarah.

Mrs. J. T. Middleton, of Old Kent-road 1890. Granddaughter.

FOUND.

"Sir,—I see in the 'Lost and Found' in your paper of Dec. 20, 1896, Laurence Pettit Hall, of Whitechapel, some years missing. I am the person being 14 years in New Swindon, and before that 8 years in the Army. Should like to hear from anything. — Yours, &c., Laurence Pettit Hall, 42, Clifton-street, New Swindon, Wilts, Jan. 10, 1897."

"Sir,—In answer to cousin's inquiry for Alice Mann, I may be the same inquired for, as my mother lived at 541, Old Kent-road, when last seen. My present address is 4, Chadwick-street, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W."

"Sir,—I read in your issue of Sunday, 10th inst., an ad. for a person missing named Alice Mann. As I had a daughter of that name who has been missing some years, and as I resided in the Old Kent-road, No. 531, some 5 years ago, there seems a likelihood that the person inquired for by 'Cousin' is my daughter.—I am, sir, yours sincerely, B. Mann, 30, Coburg-road, Camberwell, Jan. 11, 1897."

"Sir,—In reply to inquiry in 'People,' Jan. 10, for Alice Mann, I have a niece by that name who formerly lived in vicinity of Old Kent-road. Age about 27.—She had relatives living in Norfolk. Her present address is: Miss Alice Mann, Hinton House, Ashford, Hants.—Yours truly, Alfred Wood, 40, Walcot-street, Bath, Jan. 13, 1897."

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Messrs. Edmund Routledge and Sons may fairly claim to take prominent place among the public benefactors. They are now issuing a series of standard novels, beautifully printed on good paper, at the unprecedented price of 3d. each. Each volume extends to close on 200 pages, while the quality of the litter.ture thus provided may be estimated from the following list of works now in course of issue: Lord Lytton's "Strange Story," Dickens' "Hard Times," Grant's "Scottish Cavalier," Victor Hugo's "Notre Dame," Charles Lever's "Jack Hinton," Samuel Lover's "Handy Andy," Ainsworth's "Old St. Paul's," and Marryat's "Peter Simple." Thus, for a couple of shillings, 8 British classics can be bought as the nucleus of a well-furnished library of high-class fiction. It only remains to be said that the printing is sufficiently large and clear to admit of its being read easily, even in dim light. The Pseudonym Library (Fisher Unwin) adds "Anthony Jasper," by Ben Bolt, to its long and admirable list of novettes by the great unknown; the new tale is worthy of its predecessors. That treasury of knowledge, political and Parliamentary, the "Constitutional Yearbook," again makes its annual bow to the British public. As a work of reference on the subjects of which it treats is is unsurpassed and unsurpassable. It can be obtained at the Conservative Central Office, St. Stephen's Chambers, Westminster, or through any bookseller. Very far behind this wonderful shilling's worth comes "The Financial Reform Almanack." It had a great reputation at one time, but came under suspicion of too violent party bias. The "Strand Magazine" begins 1897 with an excellent number, among the contributions being "Life in a Greenland Whaler," by Conan Doyle, and "A Child's Memories of Gad's Hill," by Mary Angela Dickens. Of equal calibre is the new issue of the "Windsor Magazine;" the piece de resistance being, of course, the instalment of Hall Caine's powerful serial, "The Christian." In the "Navy and Army Illustrated" some samples are given of Turkey's sea and land forces, together with much other illustrative matter of good quality. Mr. Henry De

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SHEILAH McLEOD;

A HEROINE OF THE BACK BLOCKS.

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CHAPTER X—(CONTINUED).

The Court House at Barranda adjoins the police station, so that, fortunately, I was not called upon to face the public until my case was called on. Then a constable signed to me to follow him, and I crossed the yard and went towards a narrow door. This led directly into the court itself, and as soon as I had passed through it, I found myself standing in the centre of a large room, of which the gallery at one end was densely crowded. A trooper opened the gate of the dock, and I immediately went up two steps and entered it. Almost every face in the court was familiar to me, and the magistrate on the bench I had known ever since I was a little boy. At the further end of a long form below the dais I saw old McLeod sitting. Mr. Perkins was just in front of him, and the sergeant of police, who was to act as prosecutor for the Government, stood opposite him. Then just as the case was about to commence the door at the back of the Bench opened, and who should appear but my father. He looked very bent and old, and seemed to be labouring under the influence of some powerful excitement. He glared round the court as a little buzz of astonishment naturally went up, and then took his place on the bench where the witnesses were seated. The case then commenced. First and foremost, the charge was read to me, and in reply to questions asked I gave my name, age, and address, and pleaded not guilty. A witness was then called to prove that I had ridden the horse The Unknown, supposed to be the property of, and entered in the name of Peter Dempster, in the race for the Barranda Cup, and that I was afterwards seen in the company of the missing man. The landlord of the hotel deposed that Jarman had dined out on the evening in question, and had not returned since then either to pay his bill or to remove his effects. This evidence created a sensation, which was intensified when another witness stepped into the box, and swore that on the night in question, somewhere about half-past ten, he was taking a short cut across Pete's paddock to reach the township when he heard a sharp scream, such as would be made by a man in pain, come from the direction of Dempster's house.

"And what did you do on hearing it?" asked the sergeant, who, as I may say, was conducting the prosecution.

"I stood still and listened for it again," answered the witness.

"And did you hear it?" asked the sergeant.

"No, not again," replied the witness.

"And then?"

"I continued my walk towards the township."

"You did not consider it so far peculiar as to warrant your making inquiries?"

"It was so sharp and sudden I did not know what it was."

The sergeant resumed his seat, and Mr. Perkins thereupon jumped up and began to cross-examine the witness after his own fashion. When he had finished, and had sat down again, he had elicited from the man—first, that he could not even swear it was a human scream he heard; secondly, that it was so sudden and so short that he would hardly like to swear solemnly that he heard anything at all. It might have been, so the cross-examination elicited, the wind in the grass, a mopoke in a tree, perhaps, or a curlew down by the river side. The man could not state anything definitely, and Mr. Perkins asked the Bench to severely censure the police for bringing such paltry and unreliable evidence before the court. This was decidedly a point in my favour.

Pete's cook and housekeeper was the next witness called. After a good look at me, she asserted that she remembered seeing me sitting next to Jarman in the dining room, when she took in some hot water which had been ordered by Pete. That was about nine-thirty o'clock. The missing man, she said, was talking and laughing and seemed to be enjoying himself immensely. When she entered a second time, about 10.15, I was not present in the room, though Jarman was. She did not hear a scream, nor did she see any of the visitors leave the house. She went to bed early, having to be up by daybreak next morning to bake her bread. On being asked if she had noticed anything peculiar about the dinner, either while it was proceeding or afterwards, she answered that the only thing she noticed was the absence of the tablecloth! Thereupon a small and dirty square of linen was produced by the police and laid on the table in the centre of the court. The witness was asked if she recognised it, and she was compelled to admit that it was a tablecloth that had once belonged to Whispering Pete. It had been discovered by the police about a week after the dinner on the edge of a burned-out bonfire. The rest of the cloth had evidently been consumed by the fire. She was next asked if she could swear to the cloth that had been used on that occasion. This she could do, she answered, on account of a small iron mould in the corner. She was thereupon shown a mark of that description in a corner of the cloth. Having recognised it she was told to step down, and Marmaduke Haggerstone was then called.

With a hasty glance at me, my parent walked into the box and took the customary oath. In reply to the sergeant's questions, he asserted that I had ridden the race against his wishes, and that he had promised to turn me out of his house if I did so. I rode, and when I visited him shortly after ten o'clock on the night mentioned, he acted upon his word and turned me out. At the time I was the worse for liquor, and to the best of his belief was in a very quarrelsome condition. I had remained with him about a quarter-of-an-hour. Where I had gone after that he could not say, but he had since learned from his housekeeper that I had returned to the house later and changed my clothes. After a short cross-examination by Perkins, which elicited very little, he sat down, and old Betty our housekeeper was called. She went into the box in fear and trembling, and immediately she got there began to cry. But the sergeant was very easy with her, and in a few minutes she was able to answer his questions in her usual fashion. She deposed to hearing me come back to the house about half-past eleven, and to finding my best clothes hanging on the peg next morning when she went into my room. The sergeant took up a coat from where it lay on the table and showed it to her.

"Do you recognise this garment?" he asked. She signified that she had seen it before.

"Where did you see it last?" he went on.

"When it was hanging up in Master Jim's room," she said. "Before you took it away."

"How do you account for this stain on the left cuff? Or, perhaps, you have not yet seen it?"

The witness answered that she had noticed it on the morning following the dinner, and had intended to sponge it out, but had forgotten to do so.

Mr. Perkins then cross-examined her as to the time at which she thought she had heard me re-enter the house, but he failed to shake her. When she left the box, the Government Analytical chemist from Brisbane was called, and to my horror and astonishment swore that the stain upon the coat cuff was undoubtedly that of blood, and human blood. He had carefully examined it and tried it by all the known tests, and his opinion was not to be shaken. When he had finished his evidence my case had altogether changed. My tongue seemed to cleave to the roof of my parched mouth. I clung to the rail of the dock, and felt as if by this time all the world must be convinced of my guilt. I glanced to where old McLeod sat and saw that his face was ashen pale.

Then the last witness was called. He was a stranger to me. A tall, black-bearded man, with a crafty, unpleasant face. In answer to the usual questions he said his name was Bennett, and he was a settler out near the Warrego river. On the day preceding the night in question, he had been in Carryfort township, when he received a letter sent by special messenger from Peter Dempster to say that he had a valuable horse he wanted him to take charge of for a few months. A man would meet him at a certain corner of Judson's boundary fence near the Blackfellows Well, outside Barranda township, about one in the morning, and give delivery. Yes! he had had many dealings in horses and cattle with the before-mentioned Dempster, and not liking to disappoint him in this case, camped near the place mentioned and waited for his messenger to make his appearance. At about twenty minutes past one o'clock, a man came into view bringing with him three horses, one of which, carrying an empty pack-saddle on its back, was the animal he was to take away. He had no difficulty in recognising the prisoner as the man who had brought him the horse. On being asked what he did with the animal after he had received it, he informed the court that he took it back to the Warrego river, where it was afterwards seized by the police, with the pack-saddle which had been reposing on a shelf in his store ever since he had brought it home. Try how he would to do so, Perkins could not shake his assertion that I was the man who had handed him the horse.

The Government Analyst was then recalled, and asked certain questions regarding the pack-saddle before-mentioned. He stated that he had examined it carefully and discovered on both sides large stains which he unhesitatingly declared to be blood, but whether the blood on the coat cuff and that on the pack-saddle were the same he could not decide. Again Perkins was to the fore, and endeavoured to prove that the marks upon the saddle might have been there prior to the ride that night. But I could see with half an eye that the court had counted this as another point against me. The evidence of the Government Analyst concluded the hearing, and the sergeant thereupon asked the court to commit me for trial. Perkins followed, and submitted that there was not sufficient evidence before the Bench to warrant them in doing anything of the sort. It was a forcible speech but quite useless, for after a brief consultation, the verdict was "committed for trial at the next criminal sessions to be held in Marksworth."

I was then removed and conducted back to my cell.

How I got through the rest of that miserable day I cannot remember. I believe I spent it cursing myself and the day I was born. Oh, what a pitiful fool I had been! If only I had listened to advice and had had nothing to do with Whispering Pete, what a different fate might have been mine. Even now it was possible for me to put myself right by giving evidence against him. But bad as my position was I could not save myself by doing that, and so I knew I must take the consequences whatever they might be.

All that afternoon and evening I sat with my head on my hands, thinking and wondering what Sheilah and her father would believe in the face of the evidence against me. They would see that I had perjured myself to them that night when I swore I had had nothing to do with Jarman's disappearance. What their feelings would be now seemed too horrible to contemplate.

Soon after nightfall I heard a commotion in the yard, and presently the sergeant entered my cell. He was booted and spurred as if for a journey.

"Now, my man," he said in a very different tone to that in which he had addressed me yesterday, "you must prepare for a long ride. We're off to Marksworth at once. I've got an old horse for you, and I'll make it as easy as I possibly can for you—provided you give no trouble, and don't make any attempt at escape."

I was too much surprised at the suddenness of it all to do anything but assent, and so I was accordingly conducted to the yard where several horses stood ready saddled. The sergeant had his well-known iron-grey, the trooper who was to accompany us was on another fine beast, and held the leading rein of a pack-horse in his hand, while a strong but patent safety animal was waiting for me. I mounted, and my hands were thereupon chained to the front of the saddle, the sergeant took my reins, and we were in the act of riding out of the yard when someone ran out of the office and came towards me. It was Colin!

"Heggarstone," he said hurriedly. "Before you go I want to wish you good-bye, and to say how sorry I am for you."

"Thank you, Colin," I said sincerely, more touched by his generosity than I could say. "Tell Sheilah, will you, that they can never prove it against me, and that my every thought is of her."

"I'll tell her," he answered. "You may be sure of that! Good-bye!"

Then we rode out of the yard, and down the street. Fortunately it was quite dark, and so our passage through the township attracted no attention. I looked at the lamp-lit windows and thought of the happy folk inside and could have cried for very shame when I remembered that I, too, might have been in my own house with my pretty wife beside me, but for my own obstinate stupidity. Then we turned away from the creek, and in doing so left the houses behind us. For nearly four hours we rode steadily on in the dark—then reaching the end of a long lagoon, we stopped and prepared to camp. The trooper jumped off his horse and lit a fire, unpacked the load of the animal he led, while the sergeant dismounted and unfastened my handcuffs. Then I descended from the saddle and stood by the fire. As soon as the horses were hobbled and belled we had our supper, after which blankets were spread, and I laid myself down to sleep with my right hand handcuffed to the sergeant's left wrist. Overhead the stars shone brightly, and hour after hour I lay looking up into the vault of heaven and thinking of the girl who had trusted me and whose life I had wrecked. By and bye a lonely dingoe crept down from the Ranges behind and howled at us, and then I fell asleep and did not wake till daybreak.

As soon as breakfast was finished we mounted our horses and proceeded on our way again, not to stop until midday, and then only for half an hour. All the afternoon we continued our march and all the next day—indeed, it was not till nightfall of the day following that again that we saw ahead of us the lights of Marksworth, the biggest township on our side of Queensland. Arriving there we rode straight up to the gaol and I was duly handed over to the Governor. A cell was allotted to me and thoroughly tired out I turned into my blankets and was soon fast asleep.

Three days later the assizes commenced, and I learned from a warder that my case would be the last on the list. Mr. Perkins had obtained an eminent Brisbane barrister for me, and I knew that whatever the result might be I should be able to say I had had a good run for my money. The case had become widely known and had attracted an enormous amount of attention, so that when the morning of the trial came and I entered the court I found it crowded to its utmost holding capacity. The judge sat on the bench, clad in his robes and wig—the barristers in gowns and wig occupied their usual positions. But though I looked along the rows of staring people for the face of someone I knew, I could see nobody. Then my heart gave a great leap, for in the front row of the gallery, heavily veiled and dressed in black sat Sheilah with her father. I was just going to make a sign to show that I saw her—when the door of the dock opened again, and who should be ushered in than Whispering Pete. My astonishment may be imagined. I had thought him thousands of miles away by this time, and had as little counted on seeing him as of having the Wandering Jew in the dock beside me. He was looking very ill; his face was pinched and haggard, and his eyes were ringed with dark circles. He bowed gravely to the court, and then coolly shook hands with me. As he did so the work of empannelling the jury commenced, and when this was satisfactorily accomplished and we had both been charged and pleaded not guilty the trial commenced. In its early stages it differed but little from the magistrate's examination, except for the wrangling and disputing that went on between the two barristers. A man who had seen me ride The Unknown in the race gave evidence, followed by the individual who had met us with Jarman on the road to Pete's house, the person who had heard the cry came next, then Pete's housekeeper and the incident of the tablecloth, after which my father, who looked in even worse health that at the magisterial examination, gave his evidence in more than his usual irritable fashion. Betty and the incident of my clothes, the Government Analyst, and the selector who had taken the horses from me followed in due order. The latter's complexion turned a sort of pea green when he was confronted with Pete. After that the Government Anayst deposed to the finding of the blood upon the pack saddle.

When he left the box a sensation was caused by the appearance of the owner of the horse Gaybird. In answer to questions he described the clever way in which the robbery of his famous horse had been accomplished. His stud groom and stable boys it appeared had been drugged, and the horse, with his feet swathed in flannel bandages had been ridden out of the loose box between two and three in the morning. A blacksmith's shop was next visited and broken into and the forge fire lit. The horse had then been re-shod all round, but the plates were put on backwards. The result of this was that when the police thought they were following the tracks in one direction, he had in reality been going in exactly opposite. That was the last he saw of the animal until he heard that he had been discovered by the Queensland police, on the Warrego River, and he had gone up to identify him. Some spirited cross-examination followed, but without doing either of us very much good. The witness then stepped from the box and a sergeant of police took his place.

The Crown Prosecutor glanced at his notes and prepared to question him.

"On Thursday of last week, the day following the examination of one of the prisoners before the magistrates at Barranda, you received certain information, and on the strength of it you left Marksworth with another trooper and a black tracker. In what direction did you proceed?"

"To the post known as the Blackfellows Well, on the old Barranda road," was the reply.

My heart turned to ice—a deadly cold sweat broke out all over me. What was coming now? I dared not think.

"Having arrived there, what did you do first?"

"I dragged the well!"

"And what did you find?"

"A workman's shovel."

The Crown Prosecutor took up a shovel from a heap of articles lying upon the table before him, and handed it to the witness, who examined it.

"Is that what you found?"

"Yes! It is!"

"How do you recognise it?"

"By the brand upon the handle."

"Very good. Step down now for one moment."

The sergeant did as he was ordered, and Timothy Cleary was called and took his place in the box. When he had been sworn, the Crown Prosecutor looked at him for a moment and the examination proceeded as follows:

Crown Prosecutor:—"You describe yourself as a station hand. Were you ever in the employ of either of the prisoners?"

Witness:—"I was!"

Crown Prosecutor:—"Which one?"

Witness:—"Mr. Dempster."

Crown Prosecutor:—"When, and for how long?"

Witness:—"It's difficult reckoning sir, but 'twas in October two years back I went to him, and 'twas three months ago next Tuesday that I left."

Crown Prosecutor:—"Very good. Now take this shovel in your hand and examine it carefully. Have you ever seen it before?"

Witness:—"Many's the time, sir!"

Crown Prosecutor:—"Whose property was it when you knew it?"

Witness:—"Sure, it belonged to Mr. Pete!"

Crown Prosecutor:—"The elder prisoner you mean—Peter Dempster. You are on your oath, remember, and you swear to this?"

Witness:—"I do, it's the truth, sure I'm telling ye, sir, if it's my last word."

Crown Prosecutor:—"Never mind your last word. Tell me this: How is it that you are so certain that this particular shovel was the prisoner's property?"

Witness:—"Because of the brand on the handle, and the burn just above the blade, sir! I put both on meself."

Crown Prosecutor:—"Acting on the elder prisoner's instruction, of course?"

Witness:—"Of course, sir!"

Crown Prosecutor:—"That will do. I have done with you."

Our barristers immediately began to cross-examine, but elicited nothing of any importance.

The Inspector of Brands was next called and sworn. His evidence was simply to the effect that the brand upon the shovel was that registered in the elder prisoner's name, and after our counsel declined to cross-examine him he withdrew, and the sergeant of police who had found the implement was recalled.

He informed the court that after discovering the shovel in question in the well, he had instituted a thorough and careful search of the locality. The result was that a rock on the hillside showed signs of having been tampered with and moved from its original position. This struck him as being curious, so he had it cleared away altogether. He then discovered that under where it had stood a large hole had been dug.

Here the excitement in court became intense. I dared not look to right or left, but stood staring straight before me at the judge upon the bench.

"And having rolled away the stone, pray tell me what you found in that hole?" the Crown Prosecutor asked.

"I found the decomposed body of a man, sir!"

Great sensation in court.

"And when you had made this alarming discovery, what did you do?" asked the Prosecutor.

"I brought it into Marksworth as quickly as possible."

"Have you been able to discover whose body it was?"

"At the coroner's inquest it was proved to be that of Jarman."

"How was it proved?"

"By means of certain cards in a case," the man answered, "the name on the linen, certain letters in the pockets, and the inscription inside the cover of the watch."

The witness then stepped down, and certain other people, strangers to me, were called. They affirmed that they had seen and identified the body as that of the Sydney detective, James Jarman.

Only one more witness remained to be examined, and he was now called. He informed the court that he was a swagman, and that, on the night in question, he was camped near the main track on the outskirts of Barranda township. About a quarter past twelve o'clock, as nearly as he could fix it, he was awakened by the sound of horses approaching him at a smart pace. There was sufficient light for him to see that it was a man riding one horse and leading two others. The pack-horse on the right was loaded in the usual way; that on the left had a bulky package upon his back, and what looked very much like a shovel fastened on the top of it. On being asked by our counsel how he knew all this, he stated that he was lying under a tree scarcely ten yards distant from where the man passed. He could not say that he would know the rider again.

A doctor having given evidence as to the manner in which death had been caused, the case for the prosecution was at an end. For the defence a number of witnesses were called, particularly as to my character, and an attempt was made to prove that it was a matter of impossibility for me to have ridden from Barranda by the Blackfellows Well track, dug the grave, buried the body, delivered up the horse, and reached the cattle camp at the time I did. Both our counsels made eloquent speeches, and just as dusk was falling, the Judge began his summing up. He drew the particular attention of the jury to the peculiar way in which all the circumstances of the case dovetailed into one another. The murdered man was at the house for the express reason of arresting the prisoners on a charge of horse stealing; was last seen alive by the woman who acted as housekeeper to the elder prisoner, when he was sitting in that prisoner's dining-room. That was about 10.15 o'clock. It must be remembered by the jury, His Honour pointed out, that the younger prisoner, Heggarstone, was not present on the last occasion that she entered the room. From 10 o'clock to 10.30 it had been proved that he was in his father's house, evidently the worse for liquor. It would probably have taken him fully ten minutes in the state he was then in to walk back to the elder prisoner's house, which would bring it up to the time when another witness heard, or, more strictly speaking, thought he heard a scream come from the house. Then there were the two particulars about the burning of the tablecloth which had been used that night to be carefully considered, also the stain upon the cuff of the younger prisoner's coat, which he had gone back to his father's house to change at half-past eleven o'clock. Then it must be noted that at or about a quarter-past twelve o'clock a man was seen by another witness riding swiftly from the township on one horse, leading two others, one of which carried a peculiarly-shaped burden, with a shovel strapped upon it. At 1.20, or thereabouts, the younger prisoner was met by another witness and relieved of one horse. That horse turned out to be stolen, by whom His Honour could not say, but without a doubt with the elder prisoner's knowledge and sanction. It was necessary for him to point out that there were two other cases on record against the prisoner, Dempster, of horse and cattle stealing, and one in the Colony of New South Wales. For each he had suffered terms of imprisonment. The police had obtained possession of the horse and pack-saddle, and the latter was found to be stained with blood. Since that time the police had discovered the shovel, marked with the prisoner's brand, at the bottom of the well, near where the horse was handed over to the selector from the Warrego River; and the body of the murdered man buried beneath a rock on the hillside. The identification had been complete. In conclusion, he would draw their attention to the fact that there was a third man concerned in the case who had not yet been brought to justice, but who, doubtless, soon would be. It only remained for him to caution the jury to carefully weigh the evidence that had been submitted to them, giving the prisoners the benefit of every doubt that existed in their minds, and then to ask them to bring in a verdict in accordance with their beliefs.

When he had finished his address the jury filed out of their box and left the court, the judge vanished into an adjoining room, and, amid a buzz of conversation, we were led from the court to cells in the rear of the building. The heat was intense, and in the interval of waiting, which was less than a quarter of an hour, I seemed to live my whole life over again. God help me, what a wretched man I was. Then we were called back to our places; the judge entered, and silence was demanded. Next moment the jury filed in again. The foreman, I remember, was a little bald-headed fellow, in a long black coat, and wore spectacles. In reply to the usual questions by the judge's associate, he stated that he and his colleagues had arrived at a decision.

"Do you find the prisoners guilty or not guilty?"

There was such a silence in the court that you could have heard a pin drop, as we waited for his answer.

It seemed years in coming. Then the foreman said:

"We find both prisoners guilty. The younger, however, we strongly recommend to mercy, believing him to have been intoxicated, and under the influence of the elder."

A little moan came from the gallery—followed by a cry of "Silence in the Court." Then came the solemn question:

"Prisoners at the bar, have you anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced against you?"

Pete went to the front of the dock, and I thought he was going to give an explanation which would have saved me; but he only licked his thin lips, and said:

"I have nothing at all to say, your Honour."

I followed his example, with the addition that I reiterated my innocence.

Then the judge turned to me, and said:

"James Heggarstone, you have been found guilty of complicity in the murder of James Jarman. You have had the advice of a learned counsel, and you have had a fair trial. The jury has recommended you to mercy, so nothing remains for me now but to pass sentence upon you. (Here he glanced at a paper before him.) The sentence of the court, therefore, is that you suffer penal servitude for the rest of the term of your natural life."

I murmured something in reply—what I could not tell you. Just as I did so there was the sound of a heavy fall at the back of the court, and I looked round to see two policemen carrying my father out. Then the judge fumbled about among his papers again, and finally took up the awful black cap, and placed it upon his head. Then he turned to Pete, who was leaning quietly on the rail, and said:

"Peter Dempster, you have been found guilty of the cruel murder of the man James Jarman, and with that verdict I most fully concur. Of the motive for the crime I say nothing, but the sentence of this court is that you be taken back to the place whence you came, and there be hanged by the neck until you are dead. And may God have mercy on your soul!"

Pete looked at him just as quietly as usual, and then said softly:

"I thank your Honour!"

After that we were led away.

(To be continued.)

DRUNKEN OCTOGENARIAN.

Wm. Digby, 86, was charged at Greenwich with being drunk and disorderly in Penn's-passage, Blackheath-rd., Greenwich.—Prisoner, an inmate of Greenwich Workhouse, was let out on leave, and got so drunk as to be unable to return. He had, he said, been in and out of the workhouse 18 times.—Mr. Kennedy: I wonder if you have been charged here more than 18 times.—Prisoner promised to go back to the workhouse.—Discharged.

REMARKABLE "CHARMING."

In Belfast, the resumed inquest on the body of an infant who died last week after being "charmed" for whooping cough was held.—After hearing the evidence of the mother, the coroner called the "charmer," McIlhallan by name, who said he was a dealer. The child was brought to him on Jan. 3. When she came the mother asked if he had a donkey, and he said he had. She then said that the child was "bad" with the whooping cough. He passed the child 3 times under the donkey. He had never done the performance before himself, but he had seen it done regularly on the streets of Belfast.—Medical evidence was given that the child died from bronchitis.—The coroner in his charge to the jury said no blame was to be attached to McIlhallan.—Verdict, death from bronchitis.

THE GARDEN.

(WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR "THE PEOPLE.")

THE BEST WAY OF DEALING WITH WIRE-WORMS.

R. R. M. C.—Wire-worms are the larvæ of the click beetle (Elater lineatus), and they usually remain in the land 5 or 6 years before they appear as a perfect insect. They are common in newly broken up land, especially where the land has been allowed to run wild for some time, as most building estates are. The best substances to use for their destruction or banishment are salt and gas lime. I confess I have never seen a dead wire-worm that had either been killed by salt or gas lime, but I know, after repeated dressings of these substances, the plants get a chance to grow and the wire-worms gradually disappear.

I remember, some years ago, an old labourer who was cultivating a newly broken up allotment bringing a mysterious-looking box for my inspection, which I found afterwards contained a mixture of salt and wire-worms. He had been told salt would kill wire-worms, and he had captured a number and covered them with salt in the box. They had been in the box several days, and were lively enough. Notwithstanding this, I know that salt and gas lime will make wireworms uncomfortable, and whether we banish or kill the insects, it amounts to the same thing, so far as we are concerned. If salt is used at the rate of 8cwt. per acre, and gas lime at the rate of 1lb. per square yard, good will come of it. Give a dressing of gas lime now and the salt about February or March, and during the spring and summer stir the land about freely. Wire-worms, like insects generally dislike disturbance. Frequent stirring with the fork and hoe will bring a good many of the insects to the surface, and the birds will pick them up. If any particular crop has to be saved from their attacks, sow a few rows of carrots or French beans among or near them, as they are very fond of these things. Soot also is a good thing to apply to land infested with wire-worms.

PREPARING FOR ONIONS.

If not already done, the ground intended for onions should be trenched up and well manured. Let the ground lie in a rough state till the middle of February. Then, when the surface is dry, give a dressing of soot and a sprinkling of salt, and fork it in lightly, and about the end of February, when the surface is dry, tread it all over to make it firm, and rake smooth. Draw drills 1in. deep and 9in. apart, and sow the seeds thinly. Cover by drawing the feet along each side of the drill, applying pressure at the same time, and finish by drawing the rake over to leave all smooth and neat. As soon as the young onions appear, give a light dressing of nitrate of soda—about 3lb. per square rod will be sufficient—and hoe it in. This will push on the young plants and enable them to escape the ravages of the maggot. During the growing season stir the surface frequently with the Dutch hoe to encourage growth. Thin to 6in. apart when the onions are large enough to draw. The thinning is best done in showery weather, as there will be less disturbance to the roots of the plants left for the crop. If very large bulbs are wanted, thin to 6in. apart.

THE BEST VARIETIES

are a good selection of white Spanish, Magnum Bonum, Giant Zittan, and Danvers Yellow. The last-named is not much grown, but I can recommend it as a good keeper, handsome in shape, and mild in flavour. In Spain, where the large onions are grown, much attention is given to irrigation, and this and the warm sunshine give immense size and mild flavour. Where sewage is available, a good soak occasionally during bright weather would add much to weight of crop.

FRUIT FOR PROFIT.

We grow too many kinds of fruit to make much profit from our orchards or gardens. Find out the one particular kind which suits the soil, and plant that largely. There are what may be called one apple men. I know one who has planted hundreds of Cox's Orange Pippin apples. I planted only a few trees first, and found them do so well that he broke up more land and planted that kind only, and he now wishes he had more land. This variety always fetches the top price in the market, and there will never be too many. It is true the tree does not prosper on wet, cold trees, but in deep, well-worked loam an acre of it would be a fortune for a working man. But, to revert to pears for profit, the best variety to plant is certainly Doyenne du Comice. Plant pyramids on the pear stock, 10ft. to 12ft. apart, and after they have been planted 4 years lift carefully and replant, laying the roots out horizontally. Then let them grow and bear all they will, and if they bear heavy crops feed on the surface with rich top-dressing, so as to keep the roots within the influence of the sunshine.

IN THE GREENHOUSE

there will now be plenty of work to do in potting off the autumn-struck cuttings, and it will soon be time to shift our zonal and other pelargoniums. Prune back fuchsias, and as soon as the plants show signs of breaking, shake out and re-pot in turfy loam and old manure with a little coarse sand. Maidenhair ferns which are getting shabby may now be cut down, and as soon as the new fronds show shake out and re-pot.

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WITH 6 CHILDREN.

In the bigamy case he went through the ceremony of marriage with a Miss Elizabeth Deverill at Tooting, and had spent all her money—from £800 to £1,000. She had one child. Under promises of marriage he had also seduced several women, and one was about to be confined.—Prisoner said he married Miss Deverill, and she and her cousin fell out as to who should marry him. Would the Recorder ask the question?—The Recorder, having regard to previous statements, said he should decline to insult prosecutrix by such a question. In sentencing prisoner to 5 years' penal servitude the Recorder said the hand of justice had been slow, but none the less sure.

The monthly memorandum of the Labour Department of the Board of Trade says that in comparison with December, 1895, the labour market as a whole showed a decided improvement. Changes of wages during the month were almost entirely in an upward direction, and the percentage of unemployed was 3.2 compared with 4.8 per cent. in December, 1896.

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This laudable encouragement of British composers by the present directors of the venerable society cannot be too highly praised. Bitter complaint has only recently been made of the want of support accorded to home talent, and this will be considerably allayed when the Philharmonic Society's excellent step forward is fully known.

Franz Schubert is the name uppermost in the minds of most musical people just now. The last day of this month is the centenary of the birth of the famous composer, whose life was so pathetic and short. His composition will be included in the programmes of the Crystal Palace Saturday concerts, the Popular concerts, and many others in honour of the event.

I understand that the Queen has graciously accepted a copy of Sir Herbert Oakley's "Chorals" for the New Year.

Madame Adelina Patti is at present in Monte Carlo, where she is to give three performances. The "diva" then goes to Nice, where she will create the title role in the new opera "Dolores," which has been written expressly for her by M. André Pollonais, to a libretto by M. Georges Boyer. Madame Patti returns to England in about two months.

The Carl Rosa Co. open with "Tannhauser" at the Garrick Theatre on Monday, with Miss Elandi, Mr. Ludwig, and Mr. Hedmont in the chief parts; and during the week "Der Meistersingers" will be given for the first time in English.

Ambroise Thomas's "Le Songe d'une Nuit d'Eté," will be produced by the company later in the season. Mr. Beatty Kingston is engaged upon the difficult task of writing an English version of the work.

Dr. Richardson, M.A., who has just been appointed organist of St. Saviour's, Southwark, is said to be the youngest doctor of music. He is a gifted musician, and, when only 17, won the Keble Organ Scholarship, which is open to all England.

Most delightful and charming concerts and entertainments are being given at Marlborough Hall, Regent-st., every evening by Dyson's Gipsy Choir. Prices of admission range from 6d. to 3s., at which rate most people can afford to take some of the youngsters home for the holidays.

Mr. Vert has arranged a first visit to Australia for Madame Nordica, and the fair songstress will sail thither immediately after the termination of her engagement at the Covent Garden summer opera season.

Mr. Vert has also been busy over Miss Clara Butt's business affairs. The young contralto is wintering in Paris, and it is now settled that she will reappear in London at a spec ' concert at St. James's Hall in May.

According to accounts received, Professor Stanford's opera, "Shamus O'Brien," has met with genuine success in New York. Both public and press unite in praise of the work.

Part I. of the programme at the National Sunday League concert at Queen's Hall on Jan. 17 will be of a miscellaneous character, including several popular works. The second part will be devoted to a performance of Sir A. C. Mackenzie's "Dream of Jubal," in which Miss Emily Davies, Miss Lucy Clarke, Mr. Herbert Grover, and Mr. Richard Temple will take part.

Herr Theodore Verner announces six violin recitals to take place at St. James's Hall, commencing on Friday afternoon next; the remaining dates being Feb. 4 and 18, March 4 and 19, and April 2. Mr. Henry Bird will accompany at each concert.

Sullivan's "Gondoliers" will be performed by the Blackheath Amateur Operatic Society at the New Concert Hall, Blackheath, on Feb. 2, 3, and 4. The clever amateurs who form the company will again be "coached" by Mr. Walter Hersee, and the orchestra conducted by Mr. George H. Mackern. The B. A. O. Society has already contributed £580 to the Miller Hospital and Royal Kent Dispensary from its first six series, and there is little doubt that the institution will benefit by the forthcoming performances.

It is stated that the sum received by M. Jean de Reszke for the first performance of "Siegfried" in New York lately, amounted to £550, part being salary, and the remainder the Polish tenor's percentage on the night's receipts.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

In response to my request for interesting notes on animals, I have received several, for which I am very much obliged to their respective contributors. One of them is an account of a mouse which, when captured, was found to have all four of its legs cut off just above the knees. The poor little creature was first seen running about in a room, but its gait was rather different to that of other mice, and it, moreover, made an unaccountable noise whilst in motion. On a second occasion it was met with in another part of the house and the same peculiarities were noticed, and they so much roused the curiosity of the mouse's observer that he was determined to kill it to ascertain what ailed it. This he did, but he much regretted his action when he discovered that the little animal's legs were missing, and the bones protruding through the flesh at the ends. It was the bone, of course, coming in contact with the floor that caused the rattling noise as it ran along.

The following note has been received from a correspondent at Leytonstone: "While out shooting we started a rabbit, which, on being pursued, ran up and entered a hole in a tree. One of the party ascended the tree, and there on a branch, just in front of the hole, was an owl, which he drove away. The person put his hand in the hole and drew the rabbit out. What I wish to ask is whether this is a usual occurrence or not?" It is, of course, an unusual thing for a rabbit to run up a tree, for this animal is not in the least adapted for climbing. If, however, the trunk of the tree was covered with ivy, or another clinging plant, which obviated the necessity of climbing or made progression upwards easy, it was not very extraordinary, for instances of rabbits going up such trees have often been recorded. The owl being at the mouth of the hole was obviously only a coincidence.

The cerastes viper with false horns, which arrived at the Zoological Gardens a week or two ago, and which, no doubt, most of my readers read about in the daily press of last week, is, I hear, dead, and probably it succumbed to the injuries it received while having the hedge-hog quills, which constituted the horns, inserted in the skin of its head. Some of the papers have gone into ecstacies over the supposition that the authorities at the Zoo had been successfully duped, and others have inferred that the society acquired this specimen to gull the British public; but, so far as I have been able to ascertain, the reptile was received in exchange for other animals from Egypt, and it was not until it reached the gardens that the deception was almost immediately discovered.

These manufactured cerastes vipers are, I believe, not uncommonly exhibited by pedlars and snake-charmers in some of the Egyptian towns. As the poisonous snakes, which are so confidently handled by showmen, to the great horror of their spectators, in this country have been rendered harmless by the extraction of their fangs, so the cerastes vipers are made non-venomous sometimes in the same way, and sometimes by the substitution of other kinds, whose bite is not hurtful or dangerous. The horned vipers are deadly poisonous, and when they are imitated by adding horns to hornless varieties and carelessly handled, it is thought that the showman is performing a wonderful feat, instead of which he is imposing upon his audience.

A correspondent has asked me how to treat a captive dormouse, and, as this pretty little animal might interest many others of my readers, a few notes on its habits may not be unacceptable. The dormouse is not so uncommon as is generally supposed, but its distribution seems to be rather local. It builds its little round nest of dried grass blades as a rule in the stems of nut bushes, and passes the winter in it in a torpid state. It, however, does not hibernate completely, for it gathers in stores of nuts, &c., near its nest, and on the warmer days of winter goes out to feed on them. In captivity it should be kept in a revolving cage, with a nest box (hung in a warm place in the cold weather), and fed upon nuts, grain, acorns, fruit, and sometimes a little bread and milk.

The unfortunate occurrence of one of the elephants belonging to Sanger's Circus goring to death a former attendant at Dalston last week, recalls to my mind the statement recently made by the veteran ex-circus proprietor, George Wombwell—who, by the way, is in straitened circumstances, and is having a subscription raised for him by the "Daily Mail"—that the elephant, according to his extensive experience of all sorts and conditions of animals, is the most treacherous of them all. The animal in question is said to have been, as a rule, unusually docile, but it appears to have owed a grudge to the poor fellow who was killed, and on his entering the den with its keeper and speaking, the huge beast, on hearing his voice, immediately turned round and thrust one of its tusks through his skull. Much evidence has been adduced that the elephant, although exceedingly submissive, has got a great deal of vice about it, and is of a most revengeful turn of mind, even after long periods of time have elapsed.

The additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the week ending Jan. 12 include 2 leopards, 2 Indian dial-birds, 7 common squirrels, 2 roseate cockatoos, a yellow-backed lory, a Derbian zonure, 3 Angola frogs, 2 Patas monkeys, a prairie marmot, 2 kestrels, 2 Indian pythons, 2 West African pythons, a pardine lizard, and a scutellated lizard.

Amongst the recent additions to the Zoological Society's collection of reptiles is a specimen of the death adder from Australia, and since its arrival it has been observed to be possessed of a most peculiar habit. Lizards form part of its food, and these it attracts by means of its tail, which tapers to a very fine point. The creature lies in the sand and brings its tail round close to its mouth, where it wriggles it about in imitation of the motions of a worm. The unsuspecting lizard makes a dart at the apparently tempting morsel, only to find that it is immediately seized and swallowed by the snake.

THE ACTOR.

When the curtain fell upon the first performance of "The Sorrows of Satan," there were loud cries for "Author, author." I do not know whether this was a demand for the appearance of Miss Corelli, or for that of the adapters. Certain it is that Miss Corelli did not come forward, but that three gentlemen did. Now, on the bills, only two adapters were mentioned, and there was curiosity as to whom the third gentleman might be. Of the three, I knew by sight Mr. Berton only. The two others, I am told, were Mr. Woodgate and Mr. Athol Mayhew, the latter of whom, my informant said, had been called in to help in the revision of the piece.

It is pleasant to find Miss Phyllis Broughton engaged again at a West-end theatre. Without being remarkable as an actress, she has an engaging personality, and there was a time when her dancing was of the best. Apparently she is less ambitious now to shine as a dancer than as an actress, and no doubt dancing is a thing of which its votaries tire. Miss Letty Lind now ranks as a vocalist as well as a dansceuse, and Miss Topsy Sinden, I believe, is singing a song in the Camberwell pantomime. Miss Phyllis Broughton, too, has essayed singing in certain operas at the Prince of Wales's.

"Society," which Mr. Edward Hastings is to revive at a matinée on Friday, is now so old as to be practically new. It did very well with the Bancrofts, but I fear that nowadays it would not run successfully the gauntlet of criticism. Its early acceptability must have been owing to Robertson's freshness in dramatic treatment and to the excellence of the acting bestowed upon it. It has always had tolerably strong casts, and on Friday it will be exceptionally well off in that respect. Miss Rose Leclercq should be particularly good as Lady Ptarmigant.

Everybody is hoping that Sir Henry may be able to re-appear at the Lyceum on the 30th as the Vicar in "Olivia." The impersonation is one of his very ablest and most fascinating, and, if I remember rightly, it is not physically arduous. Should Sir Henry not be permitted by his physicians to resume work so soon, then it would be interesting to see Mr. Hermann Vezin again in the part of which he was the original representative. Of course he may not be available, and, in the meantime, we all trust that the 30th will witness Sir Henry's rentrée at Wellington-st.

When Mr Shine becomes the temporary lessee of the Globe Theatre, it will not be (if I recollect aright) for the first time. It was at the Globe surely that he produced the comedy, written originally by Messrs. G. R. Sims and Sydney Grundy, called "The Glass of Fashion." It was in that piece that Mr. Tree made one of his most notable "hits." The comedy had been played first in the country, and when it came to town it was announced as by Mr. Grundy only. Do you remember how severely it was slated by the late Dutton Cook?

I cannot say I am charmed at the prospect of seeing a play in which Mr. Forbes Robertson will enact Nelson and Mrs. Patrick Campbell figure as Lady Hamilton. It is not truly that I do not see how Mr. Robertson is to look the part; it is that I think our national heroes ought not to be brought upon the stage at all, unless they be presented by a dramatic master hand. Of course, the writer in this case may turn out to be a competent man, but still I had rather Nelson was kept away from the footlights.

They say that an adaptation of "Le Voyage de M. Perrichon," by Mr. Max O'Rell, entitled "On the Continong," is to go on tour through our English provinces. This is the fourth English version of the French original, the others being "Peacock's Holiday" (by Mr. Merivale), "Mont Blanc" (by the Brothers Mayhew), and "Loyal Lovers" (done at the Vaudeville in 1885).

OLD IZAAK.

The recent rains have greatly interfered with angling everywhere, most rivers having been in flood, but good fishing may be safely reckoned upon directly the waters subside. The Thames has been almost wholly unfishable, although here and there it has happened that a skilful angler, fishing shallow water, in the more quiet spots, has secured capital fish. Some good jack have been taken in the tidal water.

Mr. Alderman Nuthall, fishing with John Johnson, at Kingston, took 2 dozen good perch, of which 3 only were retained, and Mr. W. H. Amphlett fishing in the same locality previously, had several excellent roach, one of them scaling 1lb. 14oz. Mr. C. Smith also had some good roach, and one of the bank anglers a bream of 4lb. A jack of 7lb. has been taken at Walton, and one of 4½lb. at Hampton. Mr. Gunn, fishing with a worm, under Hampton Court Weir, took a 2lb. trout, which was duly put back.

Otters have been making havoc among the fish in the neighbourhood of Shepperton and Walton. At Shepperton recently Mr. Clapp saw the remains of a 6lb. trout lying amongst some boughs, which had evidently made an otter a meal; and at Walton Mr. Shepherd reports several large fish picked up dead and partly eaten away. Among them was a chub of 4lb., and a splendid trout of near 7lb., the prime parts of the fish having been bit out of the shoulder.

The Thames Angling Preservation Society has been generously granted the privilege of netting one of the large reservoirs of the West Middlesex Waterworks at Barnes, which will be done during the next fortnight, and doubtless result (as on a former occasion) in the addition of a vast quantity of fish to the river. The Thames Conservancy, with their accustomed kindness, will render every possible assistance, and the arrangements made by the society for netting will, it is hoped, be attended with complete success.

Mr. Cormac O'Dowd displayed a splendid tray of roach at the Piscatorial Society on Monday last, 6 fish (part of a take of 14) scaling 8lb. 2oz. together. The largest of them weighed 1lb. 14oz. when caught, and the smallest scaled 12½oz. They came from a private part of the Colne, at no great distance from the Thames, and were taken baiting with bread crust. Mr. O'Dowd fished with a roach pole and tight line, seated on the bank, and the whole of the fish were landed without a net.

The Independent Brothers, meeting at the Red Lion, Portland-st., Soho, announce a special concert (one of a series held at various clubs in rotation) for Tuesday next. Some exceptional talent is promised, and the T.A.P.S. collecting box will benefit accordingly.

The Preservation and Re-stocking Fund Committee met at the Foresters' Hall, Clerkenwell, last week, when £10 each was voted to the Thames Angling and Lea Preservation Societies, and £5 to each of the 4 up-river associations at Windsor, Maidenhead, Henley, and Reading. The contributions show a sad falling off up to the present, but there is yet time for further contributions, and some are promised and sure to be got in. The committee hold a final meeting on Friday, Feb. 12, on which date it is hoped to close the fund for the past year, and discuss proposals for its maintenance on a more certain footing than now.

The banquet to be given to Mr. Alderman Nuthall, of Kingston, in celebration of his 21 years' membership of the committee of the Thames Angling Preservation Society (of which he is now the honoured president) promises to be a strongly representative gathering. It will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday next. Mr. R. B. Marston ("Fishing Gazette") presides, and Mr. Arthur Price (hon. sec., True Waltonians) occupies the vice chair. The entire committee and many old friends will be present, "Old Izaak" (deputy chairman), of course, among them.

Mr. Horace Brown presided over the Piscatorial Society's meeting at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday last, and there was a large attendance of members. Mr. C. H. Wheeley read a short and entertaining paper entitled "Notes by the Wey," giving an account of his fishing experience in certain parts of that river, for which he was warmly thanked. Michael Kane, the Lough Conn fisherman, who has landed so many large jack for various anglers (including one of the finest jack in the society's museum) was introduced by Mr. H. N. Campbell, and received a hearty welcome. Mr. Campbell gave a brief account of his fishing at Lough Conn, piloted by "Michael," where in 6 weeks he took, among others, 7 jack scaling 30½lb., 22½lb., 20½lb., 19½lb., 16½lb., 16lb., 15½lb., and 3 trout of 10lb., 7½lb., and 7½lb. respectively. "Michael" regards the months of July, August, and September as the best for fishing the lake, when no angler need despair of sport.

Mr. J. Jeffery ("Straw Hat") and Mr. W. Dix got well among the roach at Dorking on Tuesday, and weighed in 31lb. of capital fish at the Epsom Angling Society as the result of their day's sport.

The committee of the Wimbledon Lake Tournament held in May last, have wisely decided to distribute the funds in hand, and so happily terminate the wearisome squabble which has hitherto delayed their action. As a result, the Thames Angling Preservation Society, the Thames Re-stocking Association, the Trent Preservation Association, and the Anglers' Benevolent Society will each get £4; and £2 is to be devoted to presenting a well-earned memento of the affair to Messrs. A. W. Parker and Mr. Frank Goodwin for their services in reference thereto.

The Grange Anglers had a capital meeting at the Earl of Derby, Grange-rd., Bermondsey, last week, Mr. J. Hamilton (president) in the chair. Mr. W. J. Wade (Central Association) opened their Anglers' Benevolent box, and a substantial contribution resulted. The society has also a T.A.P.S. box, which, I hear, is getting weighty. The T.A.P.S. wants a well-filled stocking or two just now to provide for the re-stocking it has in hand.

South London Anglers will please note that the Central Association visit to the Anchor and Hope Anglers takes place at the Duke of Kent, Old Kent-rd., on Monday evening, when anglers will assemble from all quarters. I wish it every success.

Thames fishermen of the olden days are rapidly dying out, and whilst writing I hear with regret that A. Hammerton, of Twickenham, well known to many anglers, must now be numbered with the great majority.

GENERAL CHATTER.

History, even of the presumably authentic kind, often gives credit to those to whom it is not due. Thus, Sir Walter Raleigh has come to be generally accepted as the introducer of tobacco into England. He certainly helped largely to bring its use into vogue, but the weed was introduced by a Capt. Lane, the leader of a colonising expedition, which was saved from starvation and brought back by Sir Francis Drake. During their residence in America, Lane and his party had acquired the practice of smoking from the natives, and could not make up their minds to abandon the pleasure on returning to England. I chanced upon this rectification of history when lately reading an ancient tome of a genealogical character.

The average drayman does not strike one as typifying the condition to which a human being may be reduced by want of sleep. There is no surer way of producing attenuation than deficiency of rest, whereas the drayman usually carries a superfluity of flesh and fat in his huge frame. I fancy, therefore, that the long hours of work complained of by these burly giants down at Wolverhampton must be peculiar to that town, and I am quite prepared to learn that they present as lean and hungry a look as Shakspere's Cassius did.

The Turk has a funny method of dealing with topers—funny, but not, I should fancy, very efficacious. Unless a man cannot keep on his legs, he is not considered legal drunk; staggering does not matter a bit. But if he does fall down in the street, he is subjected to the bastinado, and he receives the same punishment for the second and third offences. But after this triple bastinadoing, he becomes an "Imperial drunkard, and is privileged for the rest of his life to tumble about in the streets as much as he pleases, with no other punishment than incarceration until he becomes sober. At holiday seasons in England one sees a good many festive souls who appear to be in training for the august order of "Imperial drunkards."

That peculiar Welsh institution, "bundling," has almost disappeared, a son of the Cymry tells me, from the Principality. It was a sort of union by which a man and woman agreed to take one another on trial for twelve months. If at the end of that time harmonious relations still subsisted between them, they usually took one another, for better for worse, in the orthodox manner. But, if they separated, no sort of disgrace or stigma attached to either; they went their ways, and the world thought none the worse of them for having lived in open adultery.

Old Weller would have had a good deal of justification in dubbing the law an ass in connection with the Lottery Act. According to a magisterial decision given the other day down in Yorkshire, it is lawful for a shopkeeper to run a bran pie, provided that every ticket entitles its owner to a prize. But on no account must be run a bottle full of peas, with prizes for those who guess nearest to the number of the peas. From the standpoint of juvenile morality, I fail to differentiate between these two dodges for attracting custom. Every youngster knows that a bran pie contains articles of varying values, and he hopes, by good luck in drawing, to secure the most precious. Here, then, is as direct an appeal to the gambling instinct of the British boy as if he were promised a prize for success in estimating the number of peas in a bottle.

The hardest and least liberal employer is the average shareholder in a limited liability company. When business is exceptionally profitable, private employers usually distribute some small share of the increased gains among the employés, in one form or another. It is wise and sound policy, because there could be no better stimulus to increased exertions in the future. But the average shareholder is blind and deaf to all considerations of that sort; he looks only to dividends and their effect on the market value of his property. A striking illustration of this short-sighted stinginess was afforded the other day when a Bovril shareholder protested against the proposal of the directors to present a certain sum to the employés. Contrast this with the generosity of Lord Iveagh, who, when the Guinness Brewery was converted into a limited liability company, divided a quarter of a million sterling among the staff and other employés.

How wonderfully "The People" does get about! Within the last few days I have received letters from subscribers at North Borneo, Chili, Athens, Singapore, Buenos Ayres, Peshawur, Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Panama. Nearly all asked for information in connection with advertisements which appeared in our columns. We have not yet secured a regular subscriber at the North Pole, unless the inn of that name near Wormwood Scrubbs be allowed to do duty for the original.

By the way, my Peshawur correspondent mentions that he sends on his copy to Cabul, where a friend of his is in residence. Possibly, therefore, the paper comes under the august notice of the Ameer, so we scribes must be careful that we do not inadvertently wound the susceptibilities of that proud potentate.

What a comfortable country Colombia must be for quiet-going people who do not relish a perpetual diet of hot politics! The Congress only meets once in every two years, and the inhabitants thus have ample time in which to mature opinion on burning questions. Foreign creditors of the Republic have, however, less cause to be satisfied with this peculiar system; when it is desired to cheat them out of their dues, excuse is made that the matter must be held over till Congress next meets.

MADAME.

Tailor-made gowns in their various developments continue as popular as ever. This style of costume is, of course, specially suited to winter materials. Venetian cloth makes up well for this purpose. It is to be had in colours as well as black. Shades of dark blue, green, and various tints of brown are all fashionable colours. Then we have some lovely textures in coating that are admirably adapted for tailor-made costumes. Another nice material for this purpose is a special make of cloth with a slightly rough surface. This cloth looks particularly well in a dark shade of red with black braid trimmings.

A style of trimming frequently to be seen on tailor-made costumes are pipings of leather, the colour of the leather being in distinct contrast to that of the cloth. This trimming looked exceedingly well on a well-made costume of dark blue Venetian cloth. The skirt is cut to correct walking length, and made in the prevailing style—the front and sides plain, all the fulness being pleated at the back. The lower edge of the hem is trimmed with a rather broad piping of tan-coloured leather. Two rows of leather piping rather narrower are placed above this a little apart from each other.

The coat for this costume is exceedingly smart looking. It is semi-tight fitting at the back, with loose straight front. The wide cape-like sleeves are trimmed with 3 pipings of the tan leather, each band of piping being placed a little apart to match those on the skirt. The coat buttons double breasted with large bone buttons. The collar is a pretty high shape, so arranged that it can be worn up or down at will. It is trimmed with bands of leather piping exactly matching those on the sleeves.

Skating is the rage of the moment. The rinks are crowded both morning and evening with fashionable folk. Marvellous indeed are some of the costumes that appear skimming over the ice; bright colours appear on all sides. Some wonderful structures in the way of headgear are to be seen, in some cases making the wearer appear top-heavy. The dainty toque, however, takes the foremost place. Some pretty felt hats are also in evidence.

Mingling amongst the more pronounced costumes are a goodly number of pretty simple toilettes that bear the unmistakeable mark of good style. Rich dark tones abound. Amongst the brighter colours various shades of red take a prominent place. There is a special shade of dark red that looks specially well combined with black. Some of the purple tints are also fashionable and very becoming. These combine well in different shades of the same colour. A costume of dark purple cloth profusely braided in narrow silk cord of pale heliotrope had an excellent effect.

Another pretty skating costume is of the dark red cloth to which I have alluded. The exquisitely cut skirt is just wide enough at the foot to allow of perfect freedom of movement. A handsome braided pattern in black silk cord goes round the hem. The fulness at the back is arranged in small pleats. This skirt, although it sounds very plain in make, needs careful cutting to ensure success. An ill-cut skirt that refuses to hang gracefully has anything but a happy effect when skating.

The coat for this costume is a very pretty development of the sac coat. It is quite short, not reaching below the waist. The loose straight back is cut with very little fulness; the fronts are open and straight to correspond with the back; the sleeves are a modified form of the bishop's sleeve; the fronts of the coat are braided all over to match the skirt trimming. The cuffs and high collar are of black velvet.

A specially pretty touch is given to the costume by the vest front. In place of being coloured to match the gown, as is so much the fashion, it is of soft black silk, arranged in full gathers. The gathers instead of running downwards, as they usually do, from neck to waist, go across the bust with a deep beading. A line of sparkling jet is placed between each row of gathers with charming effect. This pretty costume is completed by a little toque of black velvet with an upright cluster of red roses, and a little foliage at one side.

The blouse bodice shows no abatement of popularity. By the way, at some of the sales you can pick up very charming everyday blouses in woollen materials for a trifle. These need careful choosing; ther are blouses and blouses. My advice is, avoid those that are made by the dozen, or I think I might say by the hundred, all after the same pattern. Others that I would counsel you to pass by are those of silk in pale colours that are soiled. No amount of re-trimming or decorating will make them fit to be seen. Soiled finery never looks well. A far more valuable possession is a simple morning blouse of plain woollen material than an elaborately made bodice of soiled silk and tumbled lace.

WILL WORKMAN.

"What difference does it make to us whether the British Empire is big or little?" This is a question very often asked by working men, especially if they happen to be Radicals, and they are very fond of shouting it out at public meetings when a Conservative is speaking about our colonies and dependencies. Some of them do it simply to interrupt the speaker, but most of them do it because they honestly believe that the extension of our Empire does not benefit the working class.

And yet if they would only think it over for a very few minutes, they could not help coming to the conclusion that they are the people who get most of the benefits; in fact, that they are the people who get almost all the best of it. The extension of our Empire concerns us, as working men, far more than it does the rich folks, or even the middle-class. We are the people who want the Empire as big as ever we can get it. The cotton trade of Lancashire, the woollen trade of Yorkshire, the iron and steel workers of Staffordshire and South Wales, the cutlers of Sheffield, the scores of different manufacturing industries of Birmingham, all want the Empire as large as it can possibly be made. They want it as a market to sell their goods in that they cannot dispose of at home.

We all know, or ought to know, that we produce in this country a vast amount of manufactured articles over and above what we can consume or use. We also know that foreign nations do their best by protective duties and hostile tariffs to keep us out of their markets, and as a natural result, we must look to our own Empire for any increase in our export trade, and it often happens that the very men who laugh and sneer when we boast about our colonial possessions are the men most directly interested. I am writing this in Lincolnshire, where I have got a bit of a job on hand, and this very week I have met with two very good illustrations of the sort of thing I mean.

On Tuesday night I attended a public meeting very close to Lincoln town, and while the speaker was dealing with the question of our colonies he repeated almost word for word some portion of "The People's" leading article of last Sunday on "Mr. Rhodes' return," and when he said that "he had added two millions of square miles to the British Empire," a working man shouted out, "What good will that be to us?" and a farmer who sat near him said, very emphatically, "Hear, hear." This started quite a long discussion between the speaker and the other two, and it turned out that the working man was employed at one of the large agricultural implement works in Lincoln, and was even then engaged on threshing machines for the Cape, and the farmer had lately sold at a very high price a number of prize rams of the pure Lincolnshire breed to an Australian sheep farmer, who had taken them back with him to that colony. The discussion finished by the working man admitting that "there was something in what the speaker said when you come to think of it," and the farmer said "Hear, hear."

And that is just all that is reqnired. We want the working man to "come to think of it," and if we can once persuade him to do that we shall never be troubled by "little Englanders." We want them to realise that "trade follows the flag," and the further we can carry the flag of our country the better it must be for those who have to work for a living.

I see almost all the newspapers, both in this country and in America, are very jubilant over the signing of the Treaty of Arbitration between England and the United States, and some of them seem to think that "now it won't be long" before "the sword shall be turned into a ploughshare and the spear into a pruning hook," and "the lion lie down with the lamb," and all the rest of it. Well, all I can say is, I hope so, but I am very doubtful. I fancy it won't do just yet to reduce either our Army or Navy. It is all very well to trust in arbitration, but we must "keep our powder dry."

MR. WHEELER.

Truly an old-fashioned winter, with its snow and frost, is perferable to the mild weather of the last two years. Everlasting mud plugging takes the enthusiasm out of the keenest winter rider. Sundays on the Ripley Road are no longer recognisable; in fact, the road is more deserted than on an average week day, when the matrons and maidens of Esher, Ditton, and Surbiton are marketing and paying calls awheel. Last Sunday I could almost count on one hand the cyclists I passed between Thames Ditton and Cobham. Among the five three were Bath Road men, needless to say, the Marquis of Queensberry being one of them.

Every cycling reader of "The People" will join with me in wishing Mr. E. J. O'Reilly a speedy recovery from his serious and sudden illness. Among all classes of wheel folk "The Scorcher" is most popular. He has the typical Irishman's gift of the gab, and there are few of us who have not enjoyed the dry and witty after dinner speeches for which he is so famous. I understand that he was seized suddenly with a paralytic stroke, and at first his life was almost despaired of. It appears now, that a recovery has set in, and that in the course of a few months it is hoped he will be fit to return to his editorial duties.

My remarks on the poor enthusiasm shown among military cyclists has brought me some correspondence on the question. The section commander of what was formerly one of the crack metropolitan cycling sections, writes me that the sole cause of the falling off is the expense. He quotes cases where men on duty have been required to clamber over hedges and ride across rough grass fields, with the result that a good six months wear and tear has been added to their machines during a single Easter outing. As an old volunteer cyclist I must, however, say that the average cycling soldier parades with a machine far too light for the rough work required for this particular arm of the service. I have seen many a volunteer turn out for a field day equipped with his rifle, side-arm, valise, great coat, water-bottle, havre-sack, and twenty rounds of blank ammunition on a 24lb. brakeless machine. The excuse always is that they are unable to afford two machines.

Now in one metropolitan cycling section, viz., the 20th Middlesex, a grant of 50s. is allowed per man each year. In conjunction with this a small sinking fund is established, out of which any serious breakage to a machine, while on military duty, is met and paid for. Why should not all other corps follow this example? The efficient volunteer earns from the Government 30s. capitation grant every year. Until influence is brought to bear on the authorities to increase this grant for cyclists, their individual corps could well afford to return this sum, plus the men's annual subscription. I am asked by the cyclist-sergeant of the 2nd V.B. Royal Fusiliers to invite any readers of "The People" who are anxious to join a section to communicate with him. The regiment's headquarters are situated at 31, Great Smith-st., Westminster.

Last week I was shown an excellent tilting saddle and pin for ladies' bicycles. The saddle when fixed to the pin has a rising action, which enables a woman to mount her machine without jumping, and the necessary inconvenience of arranging her skirt after she has gained the saddle. The mechanism is quite simple: when dismounted, by means of a little lever, which must be pressed down, the whole saddle and top pin tilts downwards. The rider leans against the saddle in this position, the act of mounting causes it to rise into its normal position, and to fix itself automatically. Some contrivance of this description is certainly necessary for the average lady cyclist, who will not study and practise the art of mounting a cycle gracefully. It is a curious fact that among really good lady cyclists very few can mount with any degree of grace. Nothing is impossible to a woman, I am told, therefore I wonder that they do not take more trouble over this.

I am one of those who believe in having friends at court, where and whenever possible. Hence I am personally acquainted with the various gentlemen in blue, who keep the peace about the country side, where my house is situated. One of my best friends, and he is an ardent cyclist, is the chief inspector of police for this district. Being a cyclist, he knows the temptation, in these days, of deep mud and slosh to ride on the footpaths of the country roads. I am afraid many of us this winter have been law-breakers in this respect, but we always turn off into the road if foot passengers are using the path. Last week my friend the inspector was walking home in the dark when a cycle bell sounded behind him. Being on the side walk he paid no heed, but kept on. In another second a voice yelled to him to make way, and finding it a question of being run into the ditch or pushing the aggressive wheelman off the path, he chose the latter. The cyclist went head over heels into the mud. On gathering himself up he gave vent to many weird and strange oaths, and finally suggested giving my friend in charge for assault. "Well, sir, if I were you I should say nothing further about it; you see I am the inspector of police," said my friend. There were no more swear words.

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JACK ALLROUND.

To Mount Pictures from Christmas Papers on Canvas.—You can, if you wish to do them in the best way, get regular picture canvas for mounting. It is sold at artists' shops, but many use coarse linen or unbleached calico. You must have a smooth flat board, larger every way than the picture. Place a smooth sheet of paper over the board, then lightly tack down the canvas all round over the paper on to the board, carefully keeping it evenly and well strained everywhere. Have ready some common strong size, which can be procured at any oil shop. To prepare the size, put it in a vessel that will bear boiling water, and set the vessel in a saucepan of warm water on the fire to melt the size. When it is melted, apply it hot to the canvas you have tacked to the board. Use a clean brush for applying the size. Also have ready strong flour paste, made perfectly smooth, not the smallest lump must be in it, and it must have stood long enough to get quite cold before you use it. When the size is nearly dry on the canvas, but still a little sticky, lay an even, and not too thick, coat of the paste over the wrong side of the picture, which should be lying face down on a clean sheet of paper. Should the picture be on a very thick kind of paper, which is sometimes the case, it may be well to allow the paste to sink in for a minute or two, and then give another thin even coat of paste over the first. As to this you must judge yourself. When the paste is on, lay your picture over the sized canvas, and, with a clean, dry, soft cloth dab the picture down carefully on every spot, beginning in the centre and working out to the edges to get rid of creases, air bubbles, &c. Let it dry for two or three days, or longer if necessary, before you attempt to varnish.

Varnishing Mounted Pictures.—The face of the picture must be sized before it is varnished. For this you must use a soft brush. Many use the same sort of size as is applied to the canvas, but generally speaking, especially for delicately-tinted pictures, a size made by dissolving isinglass in water is preferable. If the paper of the picture is very porous, it may need two, three, or more coats of size, each of which must be allowed to get perfectly dry before the next is applied. When the sizing is finished and the last coat perfectly dry, proceed with the varnishing, using a clean, soft brush, and either mastic or copal varnish. The varnishing should be laid on very evenly in a warm room, free from dust or draughts. Let it dry for three or four days, and then, if you think it necessary, apply a second coat; when that is quite dry, you may draw out the tacks and trim off the surplus edge of canvas round the picture.

Almond Icing for Bridecakes, &c.—Take ½lb. of ground sweet almonds and 1lb. of icing sugar, mix them together, and make them hot in the oven, then mix them into a firm paste with eggs. Probably two eggs will be sufficient, but of that you must judge—if the eggs were large that might be too much, and if small, it might be too little. What you want is a firm paste. When made, put it on the cake quite smooth. If made firm it will be firm enough to put the white icing on as soon as it is done; roll it with the rolling pin to the size of the top of the cake, lay it on, and level with the rolling pin, also lay the rolling pin against the side and roll it round the cake. This will make all smooth for the white icing to follow. "Betty" is correct. Some cooks make the paste rather soft, and as soon as the cake is baked take it from the oven, remove the hoop and paper from the sides, then put on the soft almond icing, return the cake to the oven, and let it remain there till the paste gets firm and colours a little, then remove from the oven. If you follow this method the cake must stand for three or four hours before you put on the white icing. I think the first method the easiest for beginners, and generally best.

Browning Gun Barrels.—Before applying the browning the surface of the metal must be well cleansed and made bright, then freed from grease by rubbing with whiting and water, or, if you can easily get it, what is better, powdered quicklime and water. Make the browning with 2oz. of blue vitriol, dissolved in 2 pints of hot water, let this get quite cold, then add ½oz. of aquafortis, ½oz. of sweet spirits of nitre, 1oz. spirits of wine, and 1oz. tincture of chloride. When the browning is made, apply it to the metal with a piece of wadding and allow it to remain on for 24 hours. It should then be rubbed off with a stiff brush, and, if found not to be sufficiently browned, repeat the process, leaving it for another 24 hours, and rub off with a stiff brush. Clean the surface well with hot water, containing a little soda, and, lastly, with boiling water. The burnishing and marking can be effected with the burnisher and scratch brush, the polishing is best done with a piece of smooth, hard wood called polishing wood. It can then be varnished with shellac varnish, and again polished with a hard wood polisher.

Lemon-flavoured Ginger Beer.—Take for ingredients the rinds of 3 large lemons, pared very thin, 1½oz. cream of tartar, ½lb. bruised ginger, 3lb. loaf sugar, 2½ gallons boiling water. Pour the boiling water over the other ingredients, and let all stand till milk warm; then add a dessertspoonful of yeast. Allow it to remain all night, then strain it off and add half a pint of brandy. Bottle in very clean and dry half pint bottles, and tie down the corks. After one week it will be ready for drinking. You may double the number of lemons and add the juice as well as the rind.

Dyeing Moss or Ornamental Grass.—A friend sends me a recipe which I hope may suit "E. E." He says an excellent and cheap method for giving a very beautiful green to mosses, &c., is by dissolving 1oz. alum in 2oz. boiling water, adding ½oz. dissolved indigo and carmine. If you want a dark green, plunge the moss into this mixture, shake off the liquid, and dry in the shade, in an airy place, but in the winter you must dry it indoors by fire heat. To make a light green grass or moss dye, add to the mixture given more or less picric acid. By this means you can have several gradations of shade to suit your taste or requirements.

Unsweetened Digestive Biscuits.—Take 3lb. fine flour, 3lb. wheat meal, 10oz. butter, 1oz. German yeast, and one quart of milk. Mix the flour and meal together. Dissolve the yeast in the milk. Rub the butter well into the flour mixture, pile it together in a heap, make a hole in the centre, into which pour the milk and yeast, and mix the whole into a dough, break it a little, and put it in a warm place to prove. When it is light enough, break it quite smooth and clear, and roll it out in a sheet, one-eighth of an inch in thickness; cut out and dock your biscuits, using a captain or digestive biscuit docker, and as soon as cut bake in a hot oven.

VOLUNTEER GOSSIP

The East of Scotland Tactical Society met on Monday evening at Edinburgh to hear an interesting lecture on "Tactical Deductions," delivered by Capt. W. Bonus, D.A.A.G., Scottish District. Brigadier-gen. Macdonald, C.B., was in the chair. The lecturer divided his subject into 4 heads, viz., the study of tactics, the proper use to be made of text-books, the necessity of reading accounts of actual fighting, and the study of tactics by schemes on the ground. He concluded an able and interesting lecture by showing that a practical and useful way of studying tactics was by conducting imaginary operations according to a prepared scheme. Lieut.-col. Myrtle and other officers criticised the paper, the chairman winding up the discussion with a vote of thanks to Capt. Bonus.

An Army order was issued on Thursday last which gives the names of 370 men who have been awarded the Volunteer long-service medal for 20 years' continuous service. The North-eastern District includes men from Yorkshire, Northumberland, Lincolnshire, Berwick, Durham, and Leicestershire, and take 61. The North-western District—Lancashire, Cheshire, Warwickshire, Wales, Worcestershire, Cumberland, Westmoreland, Shropshire, and Staffordshire—receive 90. The Eastern District—Essex, Norfolk, and Suffolk, 11; the Western District—Cornwall, Devonshire, Glamorganshire, Gloucestershire, and Somersetshire—41; the Southern District—Hampshire and Dorsetshire—14; the Thames District—Kent—4; the South-eastern District—Sussex and East Kent—9; the Home District—Middlesex, London, the Tower Hamlets, Surrey, Oxfordshire, and Buckinghamshire—52; the Woolwich District, 1; and the Scottish Volunteers, 87.

Preceded by an excellent concert and followed by an enjoyable dance, the prize distribution of the London Irish Rifles took place on Friday at the Holborn Restaurant, at the hands of Mrs. Howland Roberts, wife of the officer commanding the corps. Col. H. Roberts stated that the numbers enrolled were 1,120, of whom 1,084 were efficient; of the 36 non-effectives 20 were recruits who had joined too late to qualify; the musketry figure of merit was 83.00; there were 147 marksmen—Pte. H. Young, sen., with 165, being the best shot in the regiment, and E Company (Capt. Andre's) the best shooting company. At the Easter manœuvres at Canterbury 601 of all ranks attended.

Corpl. Tilbury won the Tait Cup and £7 given by the Duke of Connaught, Pte. H. Young, jun., £6 presented by Col. Ward, Colr.-sergt. Peters £4 10s. from Lady Wallace, and Corpl. Buckham £3. The Stanton-Evans Cup and £2 went to Capt. Lloyd. Sergt. Powers taking second prize. The Volley Cup and the Duke of Connaught's £5 was won by C (Capt. Henty's) Company, the century prize was awarded to Capt. D'Alton's Company, the Daubeny Cup to H (Capt. Farquharson's) Company, the Melbourne Cup and £3 to Corpl. Tilbury, recruits' prizes to Ptes. Best, Cameron, and Draper, the Inglis Medal to Sergt. W. Guthrie, the staff prizes to Sergt.-maj. Chapple and Sergt.-instrs. Morris and Strudwick, Col. Ward's Cup for field firing to H (Capt. Farquharson's) Company, the Wantage to Pte. Francis and Pte. H. Young, jun.; G and A Companies won the recruiting prizes, A Company (Capt. D'Alton's) won £10 10s. as being the most efficient, the signalling prizes went to Sergt. Tait and Pte. Wicks, the Daubeney Cup for drill attendance for officers and sergeants was taken by Col. Howland Roberts, and the Daubeney Cup for privates by Pte. H. Young, sen., and the Officers' Cup by Capt. Lloyd.

The Council of the N.R.A. have officially announced that all competitions included in the grand aggregate at this year's Bisley meeting are to be shot with the .303 magazine rifle, and also that, in response to an application to the authorities, an advance of rifles will be made to the extent of 12 per cent. of the enrolled strength of those corps to which a general issue has not been made. Applications are to be made by commanding officers to general officers commanding districts.

In the presence of over 1,000 members and friends, the prizes of the 2nd V.B. Middlesex Regiment were distributed by Lady George Hamilton on Friday at the Victoria Hall, Ealing. Lord George Hamilton was received by Col. H. Bott and most of the officers of the corps. Gen. Trotter, Col. Hussey (7th and 57th Districts), Col. Abella (Uruguay Consul), 40 officers of other corps being present. Col. Bott had a splendid report to make. An increase of over 100 in its strength in the past year found the corps 702 strong, and in shooting they were the third best corps in the Home District, the figure of merit being 120. Last year the corps, thanks to the exertions of Capt. Harman Jupp, the instructor of musketry, was fourth. Gen. Trotter expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with the regiment, as it was the best in his brigade.

What I am told: That Pte. Chicken, Civil Service Rifles, scored 182 in his class firing, and is not only the best shot in his battalion, but also in the Home District. That the sergeants of the 17th North Middlesex Rifles gave a very enjoyable concert at headquarters on Monday. That Maj. Vane Stow, secretary of the N.A.A., invites all Volunteer Artillery men to the United Service Institution on Feb. 11 and March 4, when, at 6 o'clock, lectures will be given respectively by Lieut.-col. A. J. Duncan, R.A., on "Position Artillery," and by Maj. B. M. Kelly on "Garrison Artillery." That Colr.-sergt. Roberts, hon. sec. of the Metropolitan Sergeants' Tactical Association, announces that Capt. W. H. James will lecture on "Self Instruction in Practical Tactics" at the Royal United Service Institution on Friday, the 22nd, at 8.30, and that Maj. the Hon. A. H. Henniker, D.A.A.G., for Home District instruction, will lecture on Feb. 5, and Maj. A. J. Kelly, adjutant City of London Engineers, on Feb. 19. That a new class of the Volunteer Ambulance School of Instruction will be formed at the headquarters of the Artists' Rifles on Feb. 9, under the direction of Surg.-maj. Stokes, L.R.B., senior medical officer instructor, and Surg.-capt. Sieman, 20th Middlesex; and that the competition for the Hamilton Bowl, now held by the L.R.B., is fixed for April 27, and the official inspection of the school on May 4. That Lord Wolseley will distribute the prizes of the 20th Middlesex (Artists') at the headquarters in Duke-st. on Monday, Feb. 1. That the Cambridge University Corps was never more flourishing than at present, 545 members being on the roll at the end of November last. That Lieut.-col. Sir H. Fletcher, so well known at Wimbledon and Bisley as a member of the N.R.A. Council since 1868, has been appointed to command the Sussex Brigade and is granted the rank of colonel, and that he now vacates the command of the 2nd Sussex Rifles. That Lieut.-col. the Hon. J. S. Napier, who at one time was an adjutant of the London Scottish, will probably be selected to succeed Col. G. M. Fox as inspector of gymnasia. That in the Western District C Company 4th Devon, commanded by Capt. Gratwicke, is, for the fifth year in succession, the best shooting company, with 228.68 as its figure of merit; and that Corpl. H. Denyer, 3rd V.B. South Wales Borderers, is the best shot. That the retirement of Capt. G. F. Gratwicke, 4th V.B. Devonshire Regiment, from the adjutancy of the English Twenty, has induced the members of the twenty who fired in the International match during 1883 and 1896 to present him with an illuminated address and a handsome silver salver.

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VOLUNTEER REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

1ST MIDDLESEX ENGINEERS.—Mon., rifle or co. drill, B and D Cos., 8; recruits' drill, 8; signalling class, 8; B Co. will furnish an officer and n.c.o. for recruiting duties, 8; revolver practice for officers, 9.10. Tues., rifle or co. drill, E and G Cos., 8; recruits' drill, 8; bugle band practice, 9.5. Wed., promotion classes, 8; signalling class, 8; brass band practice, 9.5. Thurs., rifle and co. drill, F and H Cos., 8; recruits' drill, 8; drum and fife band practice, 9.5. Fri., rifle or Co. drills, E and G Cos., 8; recruits' drill, 8; signalling class, 8.

2ND TOWER HAMLETS ENGINEERS.—Mon., Cinderella dance, H.Q., 8.30. Sat., 3rd regimental concert, H.Q. Tues. and Thurs., Morris tube practice, H.Q., 9.30; Wed. and Fri., Holloway, 9.30. Mon., Wed., and Fri., signallers, H.Q., 8. G.N.R. Detachment—Mon., Wed., and Fri., co. drill, &c., 8.30. Tues. and Thurs., engineering, 8.30. Recruit drill every evening, except Wed. and Sat., 8.30.

HONOURABLE ARTILLERY CO.—Mon., Horse Artillery—Sword and marching drill. Infantry—Co. drill, manual and firing exercise; lecture by adjut. Tues., Field Battery—Gun drill. Wed., Horse Artillery—Gun drill. Thurs., Field Battery—Gun drill; drivers' harnessing. Infantry—Co. drill; manual and firing exercises. Fri., Infantry—Class for infantry n.c.o.'s.

2ND MIDDLESEX ARTILLERY.—Mon., 7.30, band and trumpeters' practice. Tues., 7.15, 4 and 5 Cos.' squad and gun drill. Wed., 7.15, 1 and 2 Cos.' squad and gun drill. Thurs., 7.15, 6 and 7 Cos.' squad and gun drill. Fri., 7.15, No. 3 and 8 Cos. squad and gun drill. Sat., 6.30, annual dinner No. 6 Co., H.Q. Recruits' drill each drill night. Ambulance class, Wednesdays. Lecture by adjt. Tues., 7.30, H.Q.

3RD MIDDLESEX A.—1st Division — Armoury House, Vineyard-walk, Farringdon-road, 7.45. Mon., drill for No. 2 Co.; Tues., No. 3 Co.; Wed., No. 1 Co.; Thurs., A Co.; trumpeters' practice, 8.45. Fri., drill for 1st Division. 2nd Division—75, Lower Kennington-lane, 7.45. Mon., drill for Nos. 5 and 6 Cos.; Tues., No. 11 and B Cos.; Wed., Nos. 4 and 7 Cos.; Thurs., band practice; Fri., drill for 2nd Division. 3rd Division—Porteous-road, Paddington Green, 8. Mon., drill for No. 4 Co.; Tues., No. 10 Co.; Wed., No. 9 Co.; Thurs., drill for C Co.; Fri., drill for 3rd Division.

2ND LONDON.—Mon., 8, class of instruction for officers and n.c.o.'s, left-half batn. Wed., 8, class instruction for officers and n.c.o.'s, right-half batn. Thurs., 8, school of arms; 8.30, medical inspection of recruits. Fri., 8, recruits; 9, ambulance drill. A regimental smoking concert, in Drill Hall, Sat., 8. Cinderella dance, in Drill Hall, Tues., 8.

3RD LONDON.—Co. and recruit drill, Mon., Tues., and Wed., 8. Special drills, Tues, B Co.; Wed., C Co. G and E Co.'s dinner, Sat.

1ST MIDDLESEX.—Tues., school of arms, 7.30. Thurs., batn. drill. Fri., school of arms, 7.30; recruit drill, orderly room open for recruiting, 7.30 to 9. Sat., I Co. supper. The L.-M. rifle will be issued Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 7.30 to 9.

2ND (SOUTH) MIDDLESEX.—Wed. and Fri., recruit drill, H.Q., 8. Classes for the instruction of officers in the Lee-Metford will take place at H.Q. on Tues., 8; for sergts. of A, B, G, K, and L Cos., on Mon., 8; and of C, D, E, F, H, and I Cos., on Thurs., 8. M.-H. rifles complete, sling, sword bayonet and scabbard, sight protector and jag, to be handed in to the armourer at H.Q. at once.

3RD MIDDLESEX.—Hornsey Detachment—Tues. and Thurs., co. drill, 8.30, drill order. Wed., gymnasium drill, 8.30. Recruiting, Tues. evening. Every rifle and bayonet must be at once returned to the armoury at H.Q. Highgate Detachment—Mon., co. drill, 8.30. Mon. and Tues., recruit drill, 8.30. Wed., band practice, 9 to 10.30. All rifles to be returned at once. Tottenham Detachment—Wed., co. drill, 8.30, drill order. Mon., Wed., and Fri., recruit drill, 8.30. Fri., signalling class, 8. Arms to be returned at once. Enfield Lock Detachment—Thurs., co. drill, 8.30, drill order. Tues. and Fri., recruit drill, 8. M.-H. rifles to be returned at once to the armoury.

4TH MIDDLESEX.—Mon., ambulance class, lecture, 8; instruction in M.-L.-M. rifle for sergts., 8.30. Tues., school of arms, 8; war game will be played in sergts.' mess, 8.30. Thurs., instruction in M.-L.-M. rifle for sergts., 8.30. Fri., school of arms, 8. Sat., sergeants' annual dinner, in council chamber, Holborn Restaurant, 6.30. Recruit drill, Mon., Wed., and Thurs., 8; first squad Hyde Park Barracks and second squad H.Q.

5TH (WEST) MIDDLESEX.—Sergt.-maj.'s parade and signalling practice, school, Tues., 8. Recruits' drill, Wed., 8; bugle practice, 9. Instruction to sergts., in sergts.' mess, and signalling practice, Thurs., 8. Recruits' drill, Fri., 8; band practice, 9. C.O.'s parade, H.Q., Sat., 5.30; field-day order, with leggings and greatcoats on braces; both bands.

7TH MIDDLESEX.—Mon., recruit squad, co., and musketry drills, 7 and 8.10; officers' annual dinner. Tues., school of arms, 7 to 10. Wed., drill season commences; squad drill, all ranks (T.V.'s), without arms, 7; Morris practice, 8; signallers' practice, 8; pipers' practice, 8. Fri., distribution of prizes at H.Q., 8.15. Sat., 23rd, recruit squad and co. drill, 5; recruit musketry lecture, 5.10, by Adjut. O.-room and armoury open on Mon. and Wed. from 10 to 1, and from 5 to 9; Sat from 10 till after drill.

THE QUEEN'S (WESTMINSTER).—Mon., recruit drill, 7 and 8; medical inspection and enrollment of recruits, 6.30 to 7; fitting up by adjt., 8.30. Tues., school of arms, 7 to 10; signalling class, 7. Wed., co. and recruit drill, 7; lecture by adjt. on "Duties of Cyclists and Mounted Infantry," 8.30, in recreation room. Thurs., signalling class, 7.30, Shooting Gallery; bugle band practice, 6 to 7, in basement; E Co.'s smoking concert and distribution of prizes, 7, Drill Hall (closed from 5). Fri., school of arms, 7 to 10. Sat., co. and recruit drill, 3.30; issue of rifles to casuals, 5.30.

15TH MIDDLESEX.—Recruit drills (without arms), Mon. and Fri., Shadwell, 7.

LONDON IRISH.—Sat., co. and recruit drill, Westminster Hall, 5.30.

19TH MIDDLESEX.—Drill class for n.c.o.'s, Mon., right-half batn.; Thurs., left-half batn., 8. Drill for recruits, Mon. and Thurs., 7.15. Recruits' medical examination and sworn in, Tues., 7.

21ST MIDDLESEX.—Instruction in the M.-L.-M. rifle, H.Q., 8.30, Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. Recruits' drill, H.Q., 8.30. Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., squad drill. Recruits' medical examination and sworn in, H.Q., Tues., 7 to 8.

POST OFFICE RIFLES.—Tues., instruction n.c.o.'s and co. drill, H.Q.; L.R.B., 9.30 a.m.; recruits, Guildhall, 8.15 p.m. Wed. and Fri., recruits, H.Q.; L.R.B., 9.30 a.m. Thurs., n.c.o.'s instruction and sergt.-maj.'s drill, Guildhall, 8.15 p.m.

26TH MIDDLESEX (CYCLIST).—Tues., instruction class, 8.15. Wed., regimental ball, Westminster Town Hall, 8. Thurs., recruit drill, 8; class of instruction, 8.15.

1ST ROYAL FUSILIERS.—Mon., officers and n.c.o.'s instruction class, 7.30, H.Q.; instruction and issue of rifles to G Co.; recruits drill, 7.30, H.Q. Tues., 3rd class firing, 1, Staines; recruits' drill, 7.30, H.Q.; instruction and issue of rifles to H Co., 7.30, H.Q. Wed., officers and n.c.o.'s, 7.30, H.Q.; recruits' drill, 7.30, H.Q.; instruction and issue of rifles to I Co. and cyclists, 7.30, H.Q. Fri., recruits' drill, 7.30, H.Q.; instruction and issue of rifles to K Co., 7.30, H.Q. Sat., 3rd class firing for C and F Co.'s, 1, Staines.

2ND ROYAL FUSILIERS.—Drills in plain clothes—Mon., Tues., and Thurs., squad drill for recruits, Somerset House, 8.30; Wed., batn. and recruit drill, Somerset House, 8.30; Sat., co. and recruit drill, Westminster Hall, 6. Ambulance drill—Wed., bandaging and stretcher drill, H.Q., 8.30. Thurs., instruction for T.V.'s in Lee-Metford rifle, H.Q., 8.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE.—Recruit drill, Mon., Wed., and Fri., 6.30. Co. drill, Tues. and Thurs., 6.30 and 7. Instruction, Tues., sections 13 to 19, and rifle exercise; on Thurs., sections 47 to 53. Bugle practice will commence on Wed., 8. Arms: All members who have attended 3 parades for instruction in care of L.-M. rifle are to draw their rifles as soon as possible. Instruction in care of rifles will be given on Tues. and Thurs. after parade. Cadet drill, Tues. and Thurs., 6.30. School of arms, Tues. and Fri., 7.30. Co. meeting: A meeting of E Co. will take place at H.Q. on Fri., at 8.30. Sergts.' mess: Annual dinner, Sat., London Tavern, Fenchurch-street.

1ST CADET BATN. (THE KING'S) ROYAL RIFLE CORPS.—Mon., batn. and recruit drill, Guildhall, 8.30. Brass band practice, Finsbury, 8. Tues., drum and fife band practice, Finsbury, 8.30. Wed., bugle band practice, Finsbury, 8.30; Morris-tube practice, Finsbury, 7; F Co. drill, High School, Newton-road, Bayswater, 8.30. Thurs., n.c.o.'s instruction class, Finsbury, 8. Fri., batn., recruit, cyclist and ambulance section drill, Guildhall, 8.30.

2ND TOWER HAMLETS.—Mon., drummers' and buglers' practice, 8.30, Tues. and Thurs., batn. drill, 8.30. Wed., band practice and cyclist drill, 8.30. Fri., recruit drill, 8.30. All members attending drill must bring their waistbelts, and those who have not done so must bring their frogs to be altered.

1ST SURREY.—Mon., co. and recruits' drill, 8; F Co. on duty; bayonet exercise, 9. Wed., batn. drill, 8, drill order. Thurs., school of arms, 8. Sat., prize distribution by Lady Methuen, 7.30; dress review order; guard of honour parade at 7; dress, review order.

3RD (THE QUEEN'S) WEST SURREY.—Mon., recruit drill and signalling, and sergt.-maj.'s class, 8. Tues., drill for right-half batn., 8; band practice, 9; sergt.'s mess meeting, 9. Wed., drill for left-half batn., 8. Thurs., sergt.-maj.'s parade and drill for recruits, 8. Fri., drill for recruits and sergt.-maj.'s class, 8; signalling class, 8.30; drum practice, 9.

4TH EAST SURREY.—Mon., adjt.'s drill for officers and n.c.o.'s, and recruit drill, Clapham quarters and recruit drill, H.Q., 8; enrolment of recruits, H.Q., 7. Tues., school of arms, 8 till 10.30. Wed., adjt.'s drill for officers and n.c.o.'s (firing exercises) and recruit drill, H.Q., 8; Morris-tube practice, 9. Thurs., co. drill and class of instruction, under sergt.-maj., H.Q.; recruit drill, Clapham quarters, 8. Sat., recruit drill, both quarters, 8. Those men who have not yet returned their arms, &c., are directed to do so at once.

4TH WEST SURREY.—Mon., general instruction, 8. Tues., foot drill for mounted infantry detachment, 7.30; drum, fife, and bugle practice, 8.30. Wed., transport instruction, 8; drill for cyclists, 8.30. Thurs., co. drill, 8. Fri., class of instruction for n.c.o., 8. Sat., special drill for A Co., 6.30; drill order, with leggings. 3rd class firing, Underground Range, Mon. and Thurs., 8, A Co., Tues., Sergts.' shooting club, Wed., F Co., Sat., 8.

1ST CADET BATN. (THE QUEEN'S) ROYAL W. SURREY.—Drills: A and B Cos., Red Cross Hall, Southwark, S.E., on Wed., at 8.30; Queen's House, on Sat., at 5.30; C Co., Harrow Mission, Latimer-road, W., Mon. and Thurs., 8.30; D Co. (St. George's), St. Mary's House, Johnson-street, E., Thurs., 8.30; (Bethnal Green), Oxford House, E., Wed., at 8.30; Victoria Park-square, Thurs., at 8.30; (Stepney), Haileybury Club, Stepney Green, Thurs. and Fri., 7.30; E Co., right-half, St. Andrew's Institute, Carlisle-place, S.W., Mon., 8.15; left-half, St. Peter's Institute, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., Sat., 8.15; F Co. (Marylebone), 64, High-street, Marylebone, Tues. and Thurs., 8.15. Band practice, H.Q. Cos., Queen's House, Wed., 8.30; C Co., Harrow Mission, Thurs., E Co., St. Peter's Institute, Sat.; F Co., 64, High-street, Marylebone, Fri., 8.15. Signalling, Oxford House, Wed.; Gymnasium, Queen's House, Mon. and Thurs., 8.30, Harrow Mission, Thurs., 7.30.

3RD ESSEX.—The third lecture on "Minor Tactics," by Maj. Aston Lewis, will take place at H.Q. on Thurs., at 8.

4TH ESSEX.—Tues., B Co. drill, Stratford, 8; E and F Cos. drill, Hackney, 8.15; school of arms, Hackney, 8.15. Wed., co. drill, Silvertown, 8.15. Thurs., A and D Cos. drill, Hackney, 8.15; O.-room, 5 to 8. Fri., school of arms, Hackney, 8.15. Drum and fife and bugle practice, Berger-road, 8. Recruit drill every night at the drill hall, Hackney.

2ND WEST KENT.—Mon., physical drill, 7.30; band practice, 8.15. Tues., co. drill, 8.15; drill at Goldsmiths' Institute for D Co., 8.15. Wed., drum and bugle practice, 7.15; recruit drill, 8.15. Thurs., co. drill, 8.15; clothing parade, 8.15. Fri., recruit drill, 8.15; drill at Goldsmiths' Institute for D Co., 8.15.

VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.—Tues., 9th Feb., class for the training of stretcher bearers, at the H.Q. of the Artists' R.V., Duke-road, Euston-road, W.C., at 8.

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL STAFF CORPS.—Mon., Chenies-street drill hall, No. 1 Co. drill, at 5.15; H.Q., school of arms, 7.30. Tues., Charterhouse-square, No. 3 Co. drill, 4.30; H.Q., Morris-tube practice, 5.30; No. 6 Co. drill, 7 to 9. Wed., H.Q., No. 2 Co. drill, 4.30; Guildhall, E.C., No. 5 Co. and recruit drill, 7.30. Thurs., H.Q., recruit drill, 7 to 9; lecture, "Wounds and Sprains," by Surg.-capt. G. Sims Woodhead, at 8. Fri., H.Q., Morris-tube practice, 8; band practice, 8.30.

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SOCIETY GOSSIP.

(From the World.)

The Queen has driven out every afternoon during the last 10 days, always in an open carriage drawn by 4 greys, accompanied by 2 outriders. One day the Queen drove through Newport to the Simeon Monument, returning by Node Hill.

Two drawing-rooms are to be held at Buckingham Palace before Easter by the Princess of Wales. There will also be 3 drawing-rooms during May, and one of these is to be held by the Queen herself, when her Majesty will receive the Corps Diplomatique. There are to be only 200 presentations at each drawing-room of the season. Of the May drawing-rooms, it is probable that one will be held by Princess Christian. During the week of festivity in June the Queen intends to hold a diplomatic and official court in the ball-room of Buckingham Palace, at which all the Royal personages then in London will be present, and invitations for this function are to be issued by the Lord Chamberlain.

The Princess of Wales will probably leave London for Paris, on his way to Cannes, on Feb. 18. H.R.H. is to hold a levée at St. James's Palace before his departure for the Riviera. There are to be 5 levées in the course of the season, and probably one of them will be held by the Duke of Connaught and another by the Duke of York. It is in contemplation to limit the number of presentations at each levée, for under the present chaotic arrangement there are sometimes 250 at one function and only about 100 at the next. The plan, which was started when Lord Carrington was Chamberlain, of allowing only 200 presentations at each drawing-room has worked very well, and it is desirable that a similar rule should be established for the levées.

The date of the dedication of the Battenberg Memorial Chapel in Whippingham Church has not yet been fixed, but when the ceremony does take place the Bishop of Winchester, the Dean of Windsor, and Archdeacon Haigh will be the officiating dignitaries; and there is to be an assembly of the members of the Royal Family at Osborne, while Prince Francis Joseph of Battenberg and the Countess von Erbach-Schonberg are expected to come from Germany, in order that they may be present. The Queen had intended to have the memorial dedicated on the 20th (the first anniversary of Prince Henry's death), but the work will not be finished in time. There is to be a memorial service in Whippingham Church on the 20th, conducted by the Bishop of Winchester and the Rev. Clement Smith, which will be attended by the Queen, the Royal Family, and the Court.

The Leighton Memorial in St. Paul's Cathedral is to be a monument on the wall of the nave, designed by Mr. W. B. Richmond, and it will cost about £2,000.

(From Truth.)

The Prince and Princess of Wales and Princess Victoria, and the Duke and Duchess of York, will all arrive in town to-morrow (Monday) from Sandringham, and on Wednesday, the 20th, they are going to Osborne on a visit to the Queen.

The office of Dean of the Chapel Royal, which has a stipend of £200 a year, paid out of the Civil List, has been vacated by Archbishop Temple, who succeeded the late Bishop Jackson. This post, which is in the gift of the Queen, can be held by any bishop, but it is expected that her Majesty will appoint Bishop Creighton, as for more than a century it has been practically annexed to the See of London.

The liberation of Murray, the Hampstead policeman, whose conviction on a charge of perjury was animadverted upon in these columns last month, is satisfactory as far as it goes. But to completely redress the injustice which has been done to this man, his release must be followed up by the grant of a free pardon, so that he may be reinstated in the Metropolitan Police. That will be, indeed, only the logical outcome of the step that has been taken, for the Home Secretary must, of course, have been satisfied that Murray was innocent, or at least that his guilt was open to doubt, before he remitted nearly 8 months out of the 9 months' imprisonment to which he was sentenced. There was no other reason for interfering with the sentence, which, if the crime had really been brought home to Murray, would have been none too severe.

CURATE AND BARMAID

Plead Guilty to Perjury in the Hern Divorce Proceedings.

The Rev. Alfred Winnifrith, the young Devonshire curate, and Mrs. Hern, the wife of the miller who got a divorce in October, were in the Old Bailey dock to answer the charge of perjury in the divorce proceedings, in which Mrs. Hern was the respondent and Winnifrith the co-respondent. The latter, in a clerical collar, but a light tweed suit and black cape macintosh, took a firm stand in the front of the dock, and waited with clasped hands to plead. Mrs. Hern, a rather pretty woman with fluffed hair, and a black, well-cut dress, stood slightly behind, and glanced anxiously from time to time at her fellow prisoner. They

Pleaded Guilty,

both to the charge of perjury in the High Court, when application was made for a new trial, and to a second count charging them with conspiring together to defeat the ends of justice. —Mr. Mathews, for the Public Prosecutor, went over the facts, remarking that Mr. Hern had been practically ruined through the litigation. The case of the woman was very different from that of the man, for she had acted out of love for a paramour.—Dr. Rentoul, in mitigation, said Winnifrith, whatever his weaknesses, desired now to take the whole blame and responsibility for what had happened upon himself. His father was a clergyman in Devonshire, who had struggled hard in life. His son was now a ruined man, and on release from gaol would be forced to leave the country. He had been punished already most severely. —Justice Hawkins said he would take time to consider the sentence.

DEATH OF A BISHOP.

The Bishop of St. David's, Right Rev. W. B. Jones, D.D., died this week from an affection of the heart. Dr. Jones, 119th Bishop of St. David's, was son of the late Mr. W. T. Jones, of Gwynfryn, Cardiganshire. He was born at Cheltenham in 1822.

"VOT FOR HE SO FAT?"

At Southwark County Court yesterday, before Judge French, a Stratford greengrocer, named Pettitt, was sued by Wilhelm Goldman for damage done to a van.—Judge French: What is the defence?—Mr. Haynes (for defendant): We hired a van from this respectable German gentleman. The first day we took it out it broke down. We had it repaired, but on the third day it collapsed altogether. It was rotten everywhere. It went to pieces all at once like the wonderful one-horse shay. (Laughter.)—Plaintiff: Vat for he carry coals. My van not built for coals.—Mr. Haynes: There were 8cwt. of coals in it on the first occasion.—Plaintiff: Coals is very heavy. Mine vos von light van. He vants von railway truck for ein shilling a day.—Mr. Haynes: The next time there was only a load of cabbages in it. Defendant was driving it when it collapsed.—Plaintiff: He drive it! Ach himmel! Mine vos von light cart. Vot for he so fat? (Roars of laughter.)—Judge French: He says defendant is worse than the coals. And it was not fit for coals.—Mr. Haynes: It was not fit for anything.—Defendant: Oh, yes! firewood. (Laughter.)—Judgment for defendant.—Plaintiff: And he can break mine cart. Vot for he so fat?

The Archbishop of York has received an anonymous donation of £500 towards the fund for the proposed bishopric in the East Riding.

CLIPPINGS FROM THE COMICS.

(From Moonshine.)

The Irish financial agitation will have to be seriously considered. It is one upon which all Irishmen are united, and they would not be true Irishmen were they not. The discovery has been made that they have actually been paying for their own whisky, which so long as Pat is Pat will always be a cruelty past bearing.

Mr. John Burns approves the colonial policy of Mr. Chamberlain. The reformation of Mr. John Burns is complete. He approves of the only Minister whose policy is not striking!

Mr. Kruger's hated rival is coming with a brilliant send off, and will doubtless have the good reception which he deserves. We know, at all events, somebody who will take Rhodes up—the Metropolitan local authority, if only to impede the traffic.

Mr. Moody offers to save a million souls for a million dollars. Souls must be cheap in the United States; but then the bulk of the souls over there have been imported from Germany.

The Powers have handed the Sultan yet another note. How generous, how patient are the Powers, always handing the Sultan notes and never getting any change.

"General" Booth has had an interview with Mr. Gladstone. From the published report it appears that the Army's revenue exceeds a million! What a lot its officers must be saving!

The report that the island of Juan Fernandez had disappeared was incorrect. The island still stands in its normal position. The rumour was sunk-kind.

Mr. Justice Chitty succeeds Lord Justice Kay. A most Kaypable successor.

(From Punch.)

Music Hath Charms.—Rector's Daughter: You haven't joined the Choral Class, Mr. Harrington. We have such fun, you know.—Bachelor Squire: Choral Class! Why I haven't an atom of voice!—Rector's Daughter: Oh, that doesn't matter in the least. We none of us have! Do come!

The Orange Free State.—The state of the London pavements during the orange season.

Everything can be Explained.—Cissie (who has never seen an Archdeacon before): Dick, that old Clergyman has got Gaiters on. What does it mean when a Clergyman wears Gaiters?—Dick (who knows everything): Oh, it means that he belongs to the Cyclist Corps!

A Vicarious Transgression.—Pater: Johnny, I don't want to see this man. Run down and tell him I'm not at home.—Johnny: Hullo, Pater—I thought you never told lies.—Pater (solemnly): I don't, my boy. It's you that's going to tell the lie.

An Architectural Settlement.—First Man (eminent in painting, literature, or science): What a controversy about Peterborough Cathedral! Do you know anything about architecture? I don't.—Second Man (ditto): Nothing whatever. And I've never been within twenty miles of Peterborough.—First Man: Nor have I. Then let us go at once and sign a memorial to the Dean and Chapter, asking them not to let anybody do anything. [Exeunt, excitedly.

The Favourite Hero of the Log-roller.—General Boum.

The Solution of a Problem at Harwich.—Mariner A.: What 'll Newcastle do, when they make coal at Dover?—Mariner B: Why, certainly make passengers at Newcastle!

Older than the Flood.—Young Archibald: What's the meaning of the proverb, Auntie, "What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander?"—Auntie (angrily): Have ye quite forgotten the story o' Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, the while sae greedy o' apples?

(From Judy.)

The question of the sliding scale is causing some trouble in Wales. This is not surprising when one comes to consider the fact that in Welsh it is called the "llithrraddfa."

Medical.—A counter-agent is quite a different thing from a linen draper's assistant.

The peat bog incident in Ireland is one which nobody wants to see re-peat-ed.

Appropriate Treatment.—Editor: This poem of yours on a gas bill won't do, Mr. Stubbins; the metre's all wrong.—Contributor: Precisely. I always find that the meter is.

Force of Habit.—Bank Cashier: How will you take it?—Spoffkins (absent-mindedly): Warm, with some sugar.

The Burglars' Friendly Society proposes to promote a Self-Help Association.

A Change.—I hear that Joskins, the stockbroker, has gone to smash.—Yes, that is so. He used to be a stockbroker, now he is a stoney-broker.

Agricultural.—A funny thing, Hodgkins, has taken place. One of my oxen is getting corns all over his feet.—I don't see anything strange about that.—Don't you?—No, of course not.—Have you never heard of corned beef before.

Rather Decollete.—Mrs. Vincent: What do you think of my dress? Madame Marie when she had finished it described it as a dream. —Mr. Vincent: Well, it has about as little body as a dream.

Getting at It.—No thanks, I won't have a cigar. I haven't smoked for a couple of years. —By the way, isn't it about a couple of years since you got married?

(From Fun.)

Podger: My wife and I have both new cycling rigs. How do you like mine?—Scorcher: Oh, first rate; but what's that large pocket for?—Podger: Bless me, if I haven't got my wife's; then she has mine!

Roomy Reflections.—Greedy Little Tommy (eyeing fragments of the Christmas fare): Ma, you might have let me wear one of pa's weskits on Christmas Day!

Evasive.—Policeman (to suspicious-looking character): Have you been passing any bad money? — Suspicious-looking Character: Dunno, guv'nor. Have you bin dropping any?

Not so "Dusty."—Mr. Closfist (sharply, to dustman on Boxing Day): What do you want? —Facetious Dustman: I've come for the "dust," guv'nor—a Christmas box, you know!

The Silver Grid.—Mrs. Jawkins (tempus, 2 a.m.): You needn't cover up yer head with the bedclothes. I ain't done yet.—Mrs. J.: No, and you never will be until Beelzebub gets you on the hot coals.

Long Oats.—Jones: I see the horses at the Home at Acton were given a Christmas dinner. I wonder what they gave them?—Smith: Oh, I should think they gave 'em beans.

The Distressful Country Again.—The question of the day seems to be whether or no Ireland is overtaxed. One thing is certain, if Ireland is not, our patience is!

(From Pick-Me-Up.)

Father Confessor: You should not only bear with your husband, madam, but you should strive to bear his burdens.—The Wife (with recollections of midnight returns from the club): I am sure I could never bear the loads that he does, Father.

Mabel: I wonder if my Jack has ever been engaged before.—Gladys: Why don't you ask? —Mabel: It's too delicate a question; he might take it in his head to ask me back.

The Customer: Confound you! you have cut my cheek.—The Barber: By Jove! So I have! I was wondering what had taken the edge off my razor.

They were members of the chorus, and they were engaged in a war of words as to their respective ages. "Bah!" said one, "you can prove nothing, you who don't even know who your mother was." "Quite true!" was the answer. "And, after all, I ought really to apologise to you for my rudeness, for who knows? perhaps you are my mother."

Better Still.—She: I always have a canter before dinner.—He: And I always have a decanter after it.

A BAD FRENCHMAN.

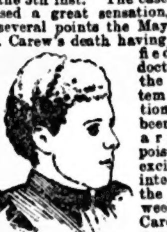
Paule Chapelle, 32, a Frenchman, described as an agent, was indicted at the Criminal Court for forging and uttering French franc notes.—The jury found prisoner guilty.—Det.-sergt. Williamson said in several other cases Chapelle had unsuccessfully attempted to pass similarly forged notes. He seemed to have come to this country in 1893, and to have lived upon the vice of young Frenchwomen whom he brought over here. His character was extremely bad. He was mixed up with other Frenchmen, who, by giving each other bogus references, succeeded in obtaining goods from abroad. He had been twice convicted of fraud in Paris, on one occasion being sentenced to 2 years' police supervision.—The Common Serjeant: And in order to escape that supervision, I suppose, he has favoured us with his company?—Sergt. Williamson said he now held a warrant for prisoner's extradition to Paris, where he had been sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in his absence.—5 years' penal servitude.

JAPAN MAYBRICK CASE

STARTLING ARREST OF A NURSERY GOVERNESS.

CURIOUS STORY.

A Yokohama telegram states that the trial of Mrs. Carew on the charge of murdering her husband opened there on the 5th inst. The case, which has caused a great sensation, resembles in several points the Maybrick trial. Mr. Carew's death having been certified by the doctor who held the post mortem examination to have been due to arsenical poisoning. The excitement was intensified by the arrest this week of Mrs. Carew's nursery governess, Mary Jacobs, on the charge of murder.



MRS. CAREW.

She is alleged to be the author of the mysterious "Annie Luke" letters confessing the crime. She now stands remanded on bail until the 25th inst. This telegram from Yokohama records the close of one chapter in one of the most remarkable stories in the annals of crime. On Oct. 15 last Mr. Carew, secretary and manager of the United Club of Yokohama (Mr. Rudyard Kipling's "Overseas Club"), was taken ill with what was believed to be a liver attack, and at his wife's desire, though against his own wish, his medical attendant, Dr. Wheeler, was summoned and treated him in the usual way in such complaints. His progress, however, was not satisfactory, and Dr. Wheeler found himself unable to account for some of the symptoms presented by the patient. On the morning of Oct. 22 the doctor was attending the funeral of a resident of Yokohama, and while there Mr. Dunlop, a local merchant, told him that his children's nurse, Miss Christoffel, had that morning told him that she had met Mrs. Carew's nursery governess, Miss Jacobs, coming out of

A Japanese Druggist's,

and that Miss Jacobs, apparently in great distress, had said to the nurse, "I must tell Dr. Wheeler of this poison. If I do not speak now it will be on my conscience all my life should Mr. Carew die." Whether this helped to explain to Dr. Wheeler the condition of Mr. Carew or not he immediately made arrangements for having him transferred from his home to the naval hospital; but it was too late, for Mr. Carew died the same day in the hospital from exhaustion due to acute vomiting and diarrhœa.



MISS JACOBS.

On the night of the death, Mrs. Carew said to Dr. Wheeler:—"There is one thing I would like to tell you, which I suppose I ought to have told you before. Mr. Carew had stricture, and asked me if I would get him a small bottle of arsenic; he also wanted some sugar of lead." Dr. Wheeler refused to give a medical certificate, and accordingly, on Oct. 24, an inquest was opened, Mr. J. C. Hall, the British Acting Consul in Yokohama, being the coroner. After hearing all the evidence, which appeared in the columns of the "People" on Dec. 27, the jury found that Mr. Carew died from arsenic poisoning, "but by whom this poison was administered there is no direct evidence to show."—Five days later Mrs. Carew was charged before Mr. Troup, British Consul at Yokohama, with murdering her husband. At the close of the inquiry, the consul committed Mrs. Carew for trial on the charge of murder, and refused to accept bail. She had been out on bail during the previous proceedings. An application to Justice Mowat, of the Supreme Court for Japan, to release her on bail was refused, and she was lodged in custody in the British Consular Gaol at Yokohama awaiting her trial.—From the telegram which we publish above it will be seen that the trial began on the 5th inst.; and that Miss Jacobs has been arrested on a charge of poisoning Mr. Carew, and that she is alleged to be the writer of the letters signed "Annie Luke." Before the magistrate, Mrs. Carew's counsel, Mr. Lowder, required Miss Christoffel to write from dictation passages from these letters. Miss Jacobs stated that she came from Somerset, and arrived in Yokohama in May last as Mrs. Carew's nursery governess.

Sympathy with Miss Jacobs.

A telegram from Yokohama, dated Thursday, says that the trial continues to be followed with the greatest possible amount of public interest. Mr. Dickinson has been called as a witness for the prosecution, and several letters have been read in court addressed by him to Mrs. Carew and couched in very affectionate terms, in which he urged the necessity for his correspondent to take steps to obtain a divorce from her husband. In the course of his examination by counsel Mr. Dickinson said that Mrs. Carew had deceived him by alleging brutality on her husband's part. Much popular sympathy is felt for the nursery governess, Mary Jacobs, who has been charged with the murder, and a public subscription has been opened to defray the expense of defending her by counsel, should she be committed for trial on the capital charge.

TRIAL OF BELL.

The Grand Jury at the Criminal Court returned a true bill against Edward Bell, otherwise Edward J. Ivory, who stands indicted for having conspired with Patrick J. Tynan and other persons to cause an explosion within the United Kingdom. The case, as at present determined, will be heard before Justice Hawkins to-morrow (Monday.)

The second annual meeting of the Association of Parochial Engineers took place at the St. Bride Institute, C. J. Drummond, Esq., presiding. Several new members were enrolled during the evening.

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HALLS AND PALACES.

It is a curious sign of the times and a striking testimony to the character of the present-day variety entertainment that the Saturday matinees at the Palace are being largely patronised by the youngsters, of course, suitably attended by parents and guardians. The juvenile is at present much in evidence for the Christmas holidays are not yet over, and we understand that Manager Morton contemplates giving a special children's matinee. The idea is a good one, but it must be soon carried into effect, otherwise school will be once more claiming its own.——Sandow, it is satisfactory to hear, has now completely recovered from his recent accident, and he promises to renew his wonderful feats of strength at the Pavilion to-morrow night. A big audience may therefore be expected to welcome the strong man's return.——From time to time Johannesburg is visited by most of our music-hall stars, and the latest announcement is that Marie Lloyd will shortly leave England for the purpose of amusing "the Outlanders" by her clever songs and singing.——The benefit matinee is rapidly taking the place of the evening complimentary performance, and the latest to take advantage of the afternoon hours is Mr. Fred Holden, whose benefit at the Canterbury comes off to-morrow.——The Royal Aquarium will celebrate its coming of age on Friday next, it having been open without any interruption since Jan. 22, 1876. On this occasion numerous additions will be made to the programme, and the unique occasion will be fitly celebrated. The last ladies' bicycle contest will commence to-morrow at 2 o'clock, when 5 French riders will oppose 5 English for £50 prizes. Some remarkable feats of strength by Elise and Henri will be added to the week's programme.——"Drummed Out" has now been running close upon a year, and bids fair to become the "Charley's Aunt" of the variety theatre.——It appears that £19,460 is the sum for which the Cambridge is to be rebuilt under contract. The work will be taken in hand at once.——The "Encore Annual" is a capital shillingsworth, for besides a number of stories and articles (including one by Carina Reed as to "Why we attacked the Halls"), there are 600 portraits of variety artistes and celebrities. In several instances the photos have been artistically arranged by Chris Davis.——Sunday, Feb. 21, is the date of the Music Hall Benevolent Fund Dinner at the Hotel Cecil, with Arthur Roberts in the chair.——In reference to our notice of the South London last week, the manager writes to point out that there is no assistant manager, as might be inferred. He adds that "the real and moving spirit at all times is our managing director, Mr. G. Adney Payne."——We learn from an invitation to hand that the third anniversary of the opening of the London, Shoreditch, will be celebrated next Friday. A big programme and an audience to match may well be expected.

THE MIDDLESEX.

Although the more fashionable of the West-end halls furnish entertainments of the very best description, it must not be inferred by those who patronise the palaces of Piccadilly and Leicester-sq. that such a hall as that in Drury-lane—still known by its frequenters as the "Mo" (Old Mogul)—provides a programme one whit the less attractive than those of its lordly competitors. Mr. J. L. Graydon is "an old variety hand," and, knowing his audiences are far too critical to be put off with anything but the very best, he caters for them accordingly. Where can good dancing be more accurately appreciated than at the Middlesex? For could not the majority of the gallery spectators themselves present a very good step or two? And where also is the comedy or tragedy of the playlet rendered to more enthusiastic houses? At present there are 3 sketches in the bill, and of the trio we are inclined to award the palm for lively and amusing acting and really funny and diverting material to the Six Brothers Luck and their comedy sketch, "Turkish Delight." Concocted by Murray Ford, it goes with a roar from



SCENE FROM "TURKISH DELIGHT."

start to finish, the audience positively revel in the excellent clowning provided by the athletic brothers, and the business of the attendant with the corpulent statue is real fun of the "silent order." Charles Deane, of "All in a row" fame, has found a new ditty, which bids fair to be popular, the chorus having the essential of success

All the way, all the way,
We began to sing a bit,
Made our voices ring a bit.
Oh, my eye, with a hip, hip, hip, hurrah!
The cheapest ride we had in our lives,
A penny all the way.

Of course, "Drummed Out," with Alice Maydue in the part she has made quite famous, and with A. C. Lilly and the rest of his company, is a very engrossing performance, and the farcical musical sketch, "A Trilby Muddle," by the Brown and Kelly Combination, also comes in for a full measure of appreciation. A peculiarity of the programme just now is its Continental flavour, for nearly every lady serio has a "Gay Paree" song, with the accompaniment of more or less high kicking, supposed to suggest the still naughtier "can-can." Ada Cerito, who acts so cleverly in the "Trilby Muddle," sings a ditty of the kind mentioned with such wonderful spirit and style as is certain in time to place her in the forefront of her art. Tom White and his Arabs are responsible for that kind of precocious humour which never fails to amuse, and diverting dance or pleasing melody is contributed by Daisy Watts, Lillian Bell, Daisy De Roy, and Lydia Dudley, the Dellers presenting each in turn. One of the best items is that of the Karno Trio, who introduce the humours of the demon-possessed boxing-ball to good purpose. The chairman, Tom Milton, must not be forgotten. He maintains a tradition rapidly disappearing from our halls and palaces, and maintains it with tact and good temper. Much of the responsibility for the conduct of an audience devolves upon the wielder of the hammer, and at the Middlesex the "tone of the house"—if the phrase may be used—is unexceptionable.

BEHIND THE SCENES.

The most interesting item of news which comes at the opening of the year is the introduction of Nelson upon the stage. A 5-act play, by a new dramatist, will, in the course of 3 weeks, be brought out at the Avenue Theatre, with Mr. Forbes Robertson in the role of our great naval hero and Mrs. Patrick Campbell as Lady Hamilton.——"The Eider Down Quilt" at Terry's is now preceded by the elegant one-act comedy, "Delicate Ground," in which Mr. Playfair impersonates the character of Citizen Sangfroid, originally played by Charles Mathews, and Miss Lena Ashwell the part of the citizen's wife. The performance goes off with great spirit.——Judge Emden, presiding at the Lambeth County Court, has just given a judgment as just as it is sensible, ensuring to playgoers the seats they have specially paid for by an extra fee of 6d., which admits them at "early doors."——The 100th night of "Two Little Vagabonds" has just been reached at the Princess's, with every indication of the success continuing up to Easter.——The venerable Mrs. Keeley (who, by the way, has promised to speak a few lines at one of the performances in aid of the Queen's Commemoration Fund) has addressed the following sympathetic letter to the "Gentlewoman":—

I have been very unwell, and unable to answer your kind letter until this morning.

Of course there can be but one opinion as to the mighty blessing the proposed scheme holds out, and the contemplation of its benefit to the working classes makes me wish myself 50 years younger, that I might help in the good work.

—Sir Henry Irving has happily so far recovered from his accident as to allow of his removal on an ambulance stretcher to a vehicle conveying him to the country house of a friend. The performances of "Cymbeline" will be resumed at the Lyceum on Saturday, the 23rd inst., with Miss Ellen Terry, home from Paris, again seen as Imogen, and on the following Saturday "Olivia" is to be revived, prior to the production of "Madame Sans Gene."——The long and frequent railway journeys to which touring players are subjected in America have caused a breakdown in the health of Miss Violet Vanbrugh, whose parts in the pieces acted by Mr. Arthur Bourchier's company are for the present taken by the lady's noless gifted sister, Miss Irene Vanbrugh.——"Sweet Home" is the title of the original American farce, in which Miss Florence Gerard will return to the London stage, at the re-decorated Strand Theatre, under the management of its lessee, Mr. John S. Clarke.——Miss Olga Nethersole, on the completion of her present tour in the United States, intends to enter upon management at a London theatre.——"The Free Pardon" is the name of the new melodrama to be produced in about 3 weeks' time by Mr. Charles Sugden and Miss Vane (Mrs. Sugden) at the Olympic. The cast otherwise includes Messrs. Abingdon, A. Elwood, C. Thorpe, the Misses Cicely Richards and Esme Beringer. No actor is as yet engaged for the hero of the play.——Miss Phyllis [illegible] is engaged to appear at the Vaudeville on the 16th inst. as the masquerading heroine of "Round a Tree."——Happily restored in health, Miss Kate Vaughan returns from Australia to take once more her place upon the London stage.——Mr. Agostino Gatti, one of the brothers who have for so long a time successfully managed the Adelphi, has succumbed to his long and painful malady. He will be buried on Monday at St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green.——The nervous prostration from which Miss Violet Vanbrugh is unhappily suffering has resulted in her husband, Mr. Arthur Bourchier, bringing his American tour to a sudden and premature close, in order that, by order of the lady's doctor, he may at once return with her to England.——Mr. Penley is withdrawing for a time from the management of the Globe, which Mr. J. L. Shine and Mr. D. Christie Murray will re-open on Saturday, Feb. 6, with a new comedy-drama, written by themselves, to be called "An Irish Gentleman."——The run of "His Little Dodge" came to an end last night, and with it Mr. George Alexander's occupation of the Royalty, which will be taken over by Miss Evelyn Millard, who will enter upon her new venture as manageress with the production of a new comedy by Mr. L. N. Parker, entitled "The Mayflower," treating sympathetically with the voluntary exile of the puritans to New England.——Mr. Willie Edouin is engaged to appear in "La Poupee" (The Doll), the piece to follow "The White Silk Dress" in the evening bill of the Prince of Wales's Theatre.

TROUBLE IN MASHONALAND.

The police patrol which was despatched from Fort Salisbury to Fort Charter to punish the natives who recently attacked and killed 16 friendlies has successfully accomplished its mission. The rebels were taken by surprise, and defeated after a sharp engagement with the loss of 32 killed. Seventy-one others were captured, together with a large quantity of cattle and grain. On the British side the casualties were Trooper Harding and 2 natives wounded.

TREASURE TROVE.

ALLEGED SAFE ROBBERS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The 4 men, James Biggs, William Welch, Thomas Owen, and James Higgins, charged with breaking into the office of Messrs. Treasure and Co., builders, of Cottenham-rd., Holloway, and stealing an iron safe weighing 7cwt. and containing £286, were again brought up before Mr. Taylor at the N. London Court, on remand.—Mr. Young announced that he had been instructed to defend Biggs by a gentleman who was well known in the district as Diogenes II. The latter had written to him (Mr. Young) stating that this was a school board job, and as the school rate had gone up from 3d. to 1s. in the pound he thought some sympathy should be extended to anyone who was bold enough to take a little of his own back.—The evidence was then repeated, this being the first occasion on which all prisoners have been in the dock together.—Mr. Young cross-examined P.C. Spencer, who said that he was sure that all the men were engaged in lifting the safe into the van when he came upon them. He only caught Biggs because he was the only one who had not seen his approach.—At Mr. Taylor's suggestion the charge against prisoners of stealing a horse and van was withdrawn.—Det.-sergt. Targett said that when he arrested Higgins, he said, "It was hardly worth going for. We could not have got the safe away; only two of us could lift. Poor little Ginger Owen is no stronger than a rat, and 'Shaggy' (Biggs) was half drunk." (Laughter.)—Prisoners, who reserved their defence, were committed for trial.

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STOCKBROKER'S DIVORCE.

SEQUEL TO A MEETING ON THE ATLANTIC.

In the Divorce Court Justice Barnes and a special jury had before them the petition of Douglas John Neame, a stockbroker, of Throgmorton-avenue, for a dissolution of his marriage with Leila Olyve Neame, on the ground of her alleged adultery with Frank Ellison, a wealthy American. A number of defences were filed, but it was intimated that the suit would not be contested.—Mr. Inderwick, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Le Bas, and Mr. P. Clarke appeared for petitioner, and Mr. Deane and Mr. Mathews represented respondent. Co-respondent did not appear, and was not represented.

ON BOARD A STEAMER.

—Mr. Inderwick said petitioner was a member of the Stock Exchange, carrying on business in the City. In 1889 he went to America, and in the course of the voyage made the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Henriques. Mr. Henriques was in business in Wall-st., and a gentleman of some position. He was returning to the United States with his wife and daughter. The latter was a young lady of considerable attractions, and Mr. Neame became greatly attached to her. Eventually they became engaged to be married. Mr. Neame returned to England in June, 1889. Respondent, with her mother and sister, came back to this country shortly after, and on July 25, 1889, the parties were married at the Soho Registry. Respondent's father was not in London at the time, and on his arrival in this country they were married again at St. James's, Piccadilly, notwithstanding the fact that the first ceremony was perfectly valid. They lived together at Kensington. The lady thought it a little dull, and by her desire petitioner took a house in Bolton-st., Piccadilly, where they lived until finally separated.

A VISIT TO AMERICA.

In 1890 they went over to America, and had only been there a short time when the money market here became disturbed owing to the Baring crisis. Mr. Neame at once returned to this country, and his wife followed shortly after. In June, 1891, they again went to New York, and Mr. Neame was then introduced to co-respondent. He was an old friend of the family, and a gentleman of considerable means. Co-respondent had, in fact, been in London in the previous year, and had called on Mrs. Neame, with whom he had tea. He was asked to dinner the following day, in order to be introduced to Mr. Neame. He was unable to come, and Mr. Neame did not see him until 1891. He then noticed what he thought a little too much intimacy between Ellison and his wife, and spoke to respondent about it. She replied that Ellison was an old friend of the family, and petitioner thought nothing more about it. He decided to come back in July, and his wife agreed to come back with him, but at the last moment she declined to come back, and Mr. Neame returned alone. She said she was going to Narragansett, a watering-place near New York, with her mother, and that she would come back in September. She did go to Narragansett with her mother, and had only been there a few days when Ellison turned up, and from that time until a long time after they were together not only during the day but at night, and together under circumstances which showed the existence of a very strong attachment between them.

SOME DELAYS.

September arrived, continued counsel, and no Mrs. Neame; but there were various letters and telegrams making all kinds of excuses. The letters which he received from his wife, together with those he received from her parents, made petitioner suspicious. At last, when she decided to come over he took her passage and sent her £100, but at the last moment she decided that she would not come, and petitioner thought there was some good reason for it. In September, 1891, without disclosing his intentions, Mr. Neame went to New York, and was surprised to find his wife awaiting him on the landing-stage at New York. He found her manner absolutely and entirely changed. She obviously had lost what affection she had for him, and he came to the conclusion that she had transferred her affection to somebody else. He had some conversation with her and her friends, and returned to this country on Oct. 21, 1891, having come to the conclusion that his wife's affection for him had entirely gone. Respondent had an interest in £10,000, which brought her in about £400 per annum, and her mother had an interest in a similar sum, so that they had £800 a year between them. Mr. Neame was

WORKING HIS WAY UP

in the world, and was trying to get back his position, and was not at the time in a position to undertake a divorce suit because of the enormous cost entailed in making inquiries in New York. In the early part of 1892 he found that he was being watched by detectives in London, and that these detectives watched him in parties of 3. He did not trouble himself about that until somebody sent him a cutting from a paper, which was to the effect that Mrs. Olyve Neame was taking proceedings against her husband for a divorce. He then communicated with New York, and found that she was bringing an action against him for divorce, alleging adultery with a woman named Cooper. He was informed that a judgment in the American Court was useless, but he said that he would not submit to the charge of adultery, and would not submit to the jurisdiction of the court. He then entered a protest, and denied the adultery; but, notwithstanding the fact that he protested against the jurisdiction of the American Court, denied the adultery, and, in fact, had never seen the woman Cooper, respondent obtained a divorce. Petitioner, having surmounted his difficulties, instituted inquiries, and as a result presented his petition.

PETITIONER CALLED.

—Mr. Douglas John Neame, petitioner, was called, and having stated that he had never lost his English domicile, gave evidence in support of counsel's opening statement. With regard to the charges of adultery made against him, he said they were absolutely foundationless, and were alleged to have taken place in America at a time when he was living with his wife in London.—Evidence taken on commission in New York and Bordeaux was then read. Respondent's maid deposed to seeing Ellison kissing respondent on several occasions at Narragansett. Another witness described Mrs. Neame as "a charming person of light complexion, a medium nose (not a large nose), a pretty mouth, in fact, a pretty woman." Witness had seen Ellison and Mrs. Neame in each other's rooms at the hotel, Rhode Island.

THE AMERICAN DIVORCE.

—Answering his lordship, Mr. Inderwick said co-respondent had made a statement. The evidence read showed the terms on which co-respondent and respondent were. It appeared that Ellison had proposed marriage, and after respondent had obtained her American divorce he called upon her to fulfil her promise. She declined, and Ellison appeared to think that she had been persuaded by her parents to adopt that course. He met Mr. Henriques and assaulted him, committing what was undoubtedly a brutal and cowardly assault. He was summoned, and at the trial Ellison tried to justify himself by saying that he had helped this lady in her case, and that she had agreed to marry him. Amongst other things he put in a number of letters, which, he said, had been written to him by respondent. Respondent, however, denied that she had written the letters, and said they were forgeries. The judge, taking a strong view of the case, sentenced Ellison to 5 years' imprisonment. Ellison, desirous of justifying himself, heard that Mr. Neame was taking these proceedings, and made a statement which he dictated to a shorthand writer in Sing Sing Prison. Mr. Inderwick further added that Ellison had since sent them two receipts for 50 dollars, paid to Minnie Cooper and another woman to give evidence in the New York trial, and said that he was only prompted to take the step by the fact that Mrs. Neame had falsely cast the stigma of forgery upon him.—The jury found that respondent and co-respondent had committed adultery, and petitioner himself had not committed adultery.—Decree nisi.

LOVE AND LOANS.

CURIOUS MONEY SUIT AGAINST EXECUTORS.

The Lord Chief Justice and a special jury heard a curious Chelsea case.—Allender v. Clayton.—It was an action by Mrs. Annie Allender, widow, of 214, King's-rd., Chelsea, against the executors of the late Mr. Clayton, butcher, of 67, King's-rd., Chelsea, for £150, money lent.—Plaintiff stated that she was the widow of a member of the Stock Exchange and formerly lived at 35, Claverton-st. After her husband's death she made the acquaintance of Clayton, with whom she lived as his mistress, "under promise of marriage," she said.—"But he was a married man," interjected the Lord Chief, and plaintiff replied, "Yes, but he was endeavouring to obtain a divorce from his wife." She related that she lent Clayton £150 because he was anxious to purchase for her the lease of her present house, as he desired that he should have a residence near the shop, in order that he might get into business before breakfast. She lent it, and he gave her £133 of it, with which she bought the lease. He promised to repay it, but said he had a difficulty in calling his money in. He died without paying it.—Letters were read, from which it appeared that she

ADDRESSED CLAYTON AS "PETTUMS."

Afterwards his solicitor said that he had squandered quite enough money on her, and would pay no more. The action was brought before Clayton's death, and continued against his executors.—Cross-examined by Mr. Cock, she denied that Clayton had spent thousands of pounds on her since 1891. She knew that he had a wife and six children.—Mr. Cock read Frederick Clayton's affidavit made before his death, in which he denied any liability and stated that he had paid large sums on her behalf. He had also stated in interrogatories that plaintiff when he visited her had a large house at Claverton-st., where she took in lodgers. The lodgers were noisy, and he told her that if she took a smaller house she would not need to take lodgers. He never promised to buy the lease of a house for her, and all he said about coming near him was that if she did so it would save him money in cab fares.

HUNDREDS OF LETTERS.

—Plaintiff admitted that she had 200 of Clayton's letters, and that the only reference to this debt in them was the sentence, "Things shall be seen to as soon as possible." She said she had written 300 to 400 letters to Clayton, 3 or 4 times a day. She denied that Clayton drank excessively—"only in the ordinary way." He never paid her any specified sum—he paid the bills as they came in. When Clayton was taken ill the meat stopped coming from the shop—Mr. Beaumont, his solicitor, gave instructions that he would send no more meat unless it was paid for. It was untrue that Clayton only visited her occasionally—one room at her house was specially prepared at his request for the transaction of his business, where he saw his men, the meat buyers, the skin dealers, &c.—Asked by his lordship how she accumulated the £600 she had in the bank, plaintiff said she had an annuity of £50 from the Stock Exchange Benevolent Society, and she also went to Sandown and won money by betting.—The jury found for plaintiff for £155. Liberty was given to defendants to apply as to the possession of the premises at King's-rd., Chelsea.

DR. NANSEN'S VISIT.

Dr. Nansen expect to reach England from Christiania on Feb. 2 for his long lecturing tour in the 3 kingdoms. On Feb. 3 he will dine with Sir G. Baden-Powell, M.P., and the Duke of York will probably be present on that occasion. Both the duke and the Prince of Wales have signified their intention of attending the Royal Geographical Society's meeting at the Albert Hall on Feb. 8, when the Norwegian explorer will give an address on his recent expedition across the Polar regions. The first delivery of his public lecture is fixed for the following day at the St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, and so great has been the demand for seats that practically everyone has already been booked. During his visit Dr. Nansen will lecture before the boys of the Bedford Grammar School and those of Harrow School.

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CROYDON WIFE MURDER.

THE PRISONER INSANE: TRIAL AND VERDICT.

At the Old Bailey, George Daws, 49, plasterer, was indicted for the murder of his wife at Croydon.—The facts of the case were not disputed, the defence being that at the time of the murder prisoner was insane. Both prisoner and his wife had been previously married, and each had a family at the time of their marriage. They lived in Oakwood-rd., Croydon, and on Boxing Night when the deceased woman's daughter returned home, her mother complained that her husband had been rowing with her about "the old, old story." Prisoner seemed to have been insensibly jealous of his wife.

ALLEGATIONS OF INFIDELITY.

He accused her of having been unfaithful to him, not only with a publican, whose name he mentioned, but with his own son, a young man 19. There was no ground whatever for these accusations. Half a pint of whisky and some beer were sent for later in the evening, and prisoner and his wife retired to bed. Early on the following morning the daughter heard a heavy thud, and went to her mother's room, as the infant child was crying. Prisoner opened the door and gave her the baby, and on her remarking that there was blood on the child's nightdress, the prisoner said that deceased had fainted, and he would fetch a doctor. He left the house, but made his way to his brother's house, and there told him that he had killed his wife by cutting her throat and dashing her head in.

PRISONER'S STATE.

Prisoner seemed to be suffering from uncontrollable excitement. He showed his brother blood stains on his shirt and trousers in proof of his statement. The brother's wife went to prisoner's house, and there discovered that prisoner's statements were all too true. Prisoner continued to repeat his accusations of infidelity against his wife, and said that she and the others had endeavoured to put him away. Six months before prisoner had been bound over at the instance of the wife, and since then he had attempted suicide by taking laudanum. Prisoner, before surrendering himself to the police, gave his brother about £50 in money, his bank-book, which showed a credit balance of £210, and his watch and chain. He desired that his watch and chain should be kept for his son, aged 8.—Finally the jury found that prisoner was insane at the time he committed the deed, and an order for his detention was made.

SPITALFIELDS MYSTERY.

John Collins was charged on remand, at Worship-st., in connection with the Spitalfields mystery. It will be remembered that on Boxing Day Ellen Collins was found in Brick-lane by a constable. She was suffering from a stab in the chest, and she died afterwards at the police station. Her husband, who, it is alleged, had made self-incriminating statements, was charged with her murder.—Samuel Saul, assistant to a hairdresser in Brick-lane, said he was looking from the door-step of his employer's shop in the direction of the Phœnix about 8.20 p.m. He saw a woman lying on the ground opposite the Phœnix. He saw 2 men trying to pick her up. One was "a short man of some light complexion" and the other was "a rather taller man of some dark complexion." The dark man had a black moustache and a handkerchief round his neck. He denied that either of the men he saw was in court.—Det.-insp. White was called, and gave evidence of arrest.—Mr. Kebbell (for the defence): Have you made any efforts to discover the other man Saul spoke of? Yes.—Without success?—Witness: Without success.—Mr. Kebbell asked Mr. Corser not to commit prisoner for trial, but the magistrate said the only point for him was whether there was evidence to go to a jury, and not the quality of the evidence. Consequently he should commit the man for trial on a charge of wilful murder.—Bail refused.

PRINCESS AND GIPSY.

The Princess de Chimay absolutely denies the report that she will make her public appearance at the Wintergarten in Berlin. The statement was that she would, after her divorce had been definitely granted, take part in tableaux vivants. The princess adds that she and Rigo will now leave Buda Pesth for Africa, in order to find peace and quiet.

POST-OFFICE REFORMS.

CHANGES MADE TO BENEFIT THE PUBLIC.

On and from Feb. 1 various changes will be made in the postal and money order rules. These changes are all designed to promote simplicity and uniformity. For instance—private postcards for inland transmission if posted unpaid will in future be charged only twice the postage of a postcard—or 1d. instead of 2d., twice the postage of a letter. Newspaper packets found to contain enclosures admissible by book-post will no longer in all cases be charged double the book-post rate, but will be sent forward and charged as parcels, plus a fee of 1d. if this involves a lower charge than the unpaid book rate. Parcels marked "Registered," but dropped, like ordinary letters, into a letter-box, and packets containing coin, watches, or jewellery, which are posted unregistered, will be charged twice the usual registration fee, or 4d. instead of 8d., as heretofore. The maximum dimensions of inland letters and book packets will be raised to 2ft. by 1ft. The maximum weight of a newspaper packet will be reduced to 5lb., the present maximum for a book packet.

NEW MONEY ORDER CHARGES.

The scale of commission on ordinary inland money orders will be recast, and the charges, on the whole, largely reduced. They will be: For an order not exceeding £3, 3d; for an order exceeding £3 but not exceeding £10, 4d. The commission on foreign and colonial money orders of the higher values will also be reduced. The new rates will be: For an order not exceeding £2, 6d; exceeding £2 but not exceeding £6, 1s.; exceeding £6 but not exceeding £10, 1s. 6d. The charges for telegraph money orders, apart from the cost of the telegram, will be reduced from a scale going up to 1s. to the following rates: For sums not exceeding £3 4d.; exceeding £3, but not exceeding £10, 6d. The remitter of a telegraph money order will be able to direct that it shall be delivered at the payee's residence, and he will also be able to direct that it shall be crossed for payment through a bank. The only extra charge will be for the addition to the necessary instructions to the telegram of advice.

THAT JOYFUL FEELING
with the exhilarating sense of renewed health and strength, which follows the use of California Syrup of Figs, is unknown to the few who have not progressed beyond the old time medicines and the cheap substitutes sometimes offered but never accepted by the well-informed. Ask for California Syrup of Figs. Other remedies bearing similar names are substitutes.—[Advt.]

THE NICOLAS BANQUET.

The huge King's Hall at the Holborn Restaurant has rarely contained a more numerous or more representative company of feasters than assembled to give a cordial "send off" to Mr. Nicolas, the mining expert, who has contributed so largely to the development of the Westralian goldfields. In an interesting and instructive speech, Mr. Nicolas demonstrated very clearly that all the initial difficulties attending gold mining in that part of the British Empire are nearly if not quite at an end. The water supply, which was so deficient at first, no longer presents any obstacle to development; it is found at quite moderate depths all over the fields, and the probability seems to be that every mine will become self-supporting in that respect. Similarly, the rapid construction of railways connecting the gold area with the coast greatly facilitates the transmission of mining plant and stores. As for labour, there is fully as much as the mines are likely to require, and although somewhat expensive at present, it will cheapen in proportion to the lessening of the cost of living. Another expert of long experience in Western Australia corroborated and even enlarged the picture sketched by Mr. Nicolas of the possibilities of enormous wealth which present themselves in the auriferous area. Large allowance should be made, of course, for unintentional over-colouring, but the hard facts, about which there is no dispute, certainly go to prove that there are the makings of a second Rand in "golden Westralia."

A MANAGER'S DOWNFALL.

At the Old Bailey before the Recorder, Frederick Luth Mills, 60, late manager of the "Army and Navy Gazette," pleaded guilty to embezzlement and to the falsification of a cash-book.—Mr. Gill prosecuted and Sir F. Lockwood appeared for prisoner, who for some years had been manager of the paper. His defalcations, which extended over 2 years, amounted to £2,000.—Sir F. Lockwood did not dispute the facts of the case, but he urged prisoner's long and important service, not only to the present proprietor, Sir W. Russell, but under previous ownership.—Mr. A. Gill said prisoner's statement that his defalcations were the result of his endeavours to cover the deficiencies of a former partner was absolutely untrue.—In reply to the court, it was stated that there had been no attempt to repay any of the money.—The Recorder said prisoner had been guilty of systematic robbery, and had grossly abused the important position of confidence he had held.—4 years' penal servitude.

FATAL FIRE.

Mr. Roumieu held an inquest at East Molesey on the bodies of the 3 children, aged 5, 3, and 1 year, of Thomas Murray, labourer, who were suffocated in a fire which broke out at Brading Cottages, E. Molesey. The fire occurred in the absence of the parents, and is supposed to have originated through a lighted match being thrown on the floor early in the evening.—Verdict, accidental death from suffocation.

A memorial service to the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, who died 5 years ago, was held in Sandringham Church on Thursday afternoon, and was attended by the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria, and the Duke and Duchess of York.

CHILLINGWORTH'S PATENT WELDLESS STEEL FITTINGS for CYCLE, STEAM, HYDRAULIC, GAS, HOT and COLD WATER, and all other Engineering purposes.

PARR'S BANK, Limited, 77, Lombard-street, London, and their Offices in London and the Country, and the BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT and COUNTIES BANKING COMPANY, Limited, Colmore-row, Birmingham, and their Branches, are authorised to receive SUBSCRIPTIONS for the undermentioned ISSUE.

The LIST will OPEN MONDAY, January 18th, 1897, at 10.0 a.m., and CLOSE on THURSDAY, 21st January, 1897, for both Town and Country.

THE STANDARD WELDLESS TUBE & CYCLE COMPONENTS, Limited

(CHILLINGWORTH'S PATENTS).

Incorporated under the Companies' Acts, 1862 to 1893.

Whereby the liability of each Shareholder is limited to the amount of his Shares.

CAPITAL £160,000,

Divided into 160,000 Shares of £1 each, payable: 2s. 6d. per Share on Application, 2s. 6d. per Share on Allotment, and 5s. per Share One Month after Allotment, and the balance as and when required, in calls not exceeding 5s. at intervals of two months, of which 100,000 Shares are now offered for Subscription, 60,000 being taken by the Vendors, and the balance subscribed for by the Directors and their friends.

Subscribers have the option of paying up in full on allotment according to the terms of the articles of association.

No Preference, Deferred, or Founders' shares.

The works of the Company will have a capacity for turning out annually 5,000,000ft. of weldless steel tubing and 200,000 sets of Chillingworth's weldless cycle fittings so soon as the necessary machinery and arrangements now being made are completed.

Orders for sufficient quantities of weldless tubing have already been received to keep the present tube works fully employed for the whole of this year.

It is estimated that an annual output of 5,000,000ft. of weldless steel tubing, being the proposed capacity of the company's works, with the addition of certain new machinery, will produce a net profit of £20,000

And an annual output of 200,000 sets of Chillingworth weldless cycle fittings a net profit of .... [illegible]

Showing an estimated net annual profit of .... £[illegible],000

Chillingworth's patents protect a process by means of which sockets of all sizes and shapes can be forced outwards by pressure from the inside of tubing, in a manner previously impracticable, producing tees, sockets, brackets, cross joints, and other connections specially applicable to steam, gas, hydraulic, hot and cold water piping, effecting a great saving in price, time, labour, and material.

In the production of weldless cycle steel fittings the labour saved in boring, dressing, and cleaning up of ordinary castings is even greater, and the weight of each cycle is reduced by nearly 1lb., whilst the fittings, being made only of the best steel, are absolutely reliable.

DIRECTORS.

Colonel LEWIS VIVIAN LOYD, J.P., D.L., 8, Rutland-gate, S.W. (Chairman).

LAWRENCE [illegible], Esq., 16, Walton-street, Hans-place, S.W.

Major LAMOROCK FLOWER, 13, Finsbury-circus, E.C., Consulting Engineer.

HERMAN GWINNER, Esq., Maitland House, Kensington, Director, The National Mutual Life Assurance Society.

KEITH RONALD MACKENZIE, Esq., M.I.M.E., Gillotts, Henley-on-Thames.

And two others to be nominated by the Vendors after allotment.

Since the printing of the prospectus, Augustus George Sackville Manning, Esq., 12, Queen's Gate-place, S.W. (late engineer to the East and West India Dock Company), and Fitzhardinge Robert Bayfield Liebenrood, Esq., Red House, near Sidcup, Kent, Barrister-at-Law, have visited the works, and, having seen the Chillingworth process, have agreed to join the board, and will accordingly be the nominees of the vendors mentioned in the prospectus.

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BROKERS.

Messrs. A. S. G. GRAVES and CO., Cushion-court, Old Broad-street, E.C.

SOLICITORS.

Messrs. TALBOT and TASKER, 47, Bedford-row, London, W.C. Messrs. COOPER and CO., Newcastle, Staffordshire.

CONSULTING ENGINEER.
RUDOLF CHILLINGWORTH.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. BOURNER, BULLOCK, and CO., C.A., Bush-lane House, London, E.C., and at Hanley and Newcastle, Staffordshire.

SECRETARY AND REGISTERED OFFICE.

E. H. WILSON, 7, Philpot-lane, Fenchurch-street, London, E.C.

Birmingham Offices: 3, Cherry-street.
Works: Wharf-street, Aston, Birmingham.

PROSPECTUS.

THIS Company has been formed for the purpose of purchasing and carrying on as a going concern and extending the business of the Standard Tube Company, situate on the banks of the canal in Wharf-street and Wainwright-street, Birmingham.

N.B.—This purchase includes freehold works and land of over half an acre, also the goodwill, machinery, tools, loose and fixed plant, as well as additional machinery necessary to increase the output of weldless steel tubing up to 5,000,000ft. per annum.

To acquire Chillingworth's patents and patent rights for the British Isles and Colonies, British dependencies, and the patents and patent rights for the whole world (except for the German Empire, which is retained by the inventor, Mr. Chillingworth).

N.B.—The acquisition of Chillingworth's patents secure to this Company a monopoly in those inventions for the manufacture of cycle hubs, seamless bottom brackets, sockets, and other such-like articles, out of weldless steel tubing, the adoption of which will create a revolution in the manufacture of cycles and all other similar fittings, whether for use in cycles, motor cars, engines, hydraulic tubing, or otherwise (see drawings enclosed with the prospectus). The Company also acquires certain other rights connected with any improvements in these patents which Mr. Chillingworth may make or discover.

Cycles manufactured with the Chillingworth Patent Weldless Fittings are stronger and lighter than those put together with the ordinary fittings now used.

The demand for cold-drawn steel tubing of the best make is so great that difficulty is experienced in obtaining sufficient to meet all requirements. Prices have advanced during the last 12 months, and the profits of the tube companies have considerably increased.

The following present market quotations are an indication of the appreciation in which investments in tube and cycle components businesses are held (see the Birmingham newspapers, Jan. 8th, 1897):—

Name of Company.	Class of share.	Amount called up	Closing price.	Prem. per ct.
Cycle Components	£1 Ord.	£1 0 0	£4 16 0	380
Star Tube Company (Ltd.)	1 "	0 8 0	1 11 3	290
Birmingham Small Arms	5 "	5 0 0	15 10 0	210
British Tube Company (Ltd.)	10 "	10 0 0	20 10 0	105
Rose Tube Company (Ltd.)	1 "	1 0 0	1 16 0	80
Climax Weldless Tube Company (Ltd.)	1 "	1 0 0	1 14 0	70
Reliance Tube Company (Ltd.)	1 "	0 12 6	1 0 0	60
Thos. Smith Stamping	1 "	1 0 0	1 12 0	60
New Credenda Tube	1 "	1 0 0	1 9 0	46
Perfecta Seamless Tube Company (Ltd.)	1 "	1 0 0	1 8 6	42

The Company, as owners of the valuable Chillingworth's patents and rights, will have the monopoly of supplying hubs, seamless bottom brackets, sockets, tees, unions, &c., made under the Chillingworth process, applicable to all cycle fittings. The importance of the application of the Chillingworth process to the manufacture of all kinds of steam pipe, gas, hydraulic, and hot and cold water fittings, to all engineers engaged in these industries in every country, can hardly be over-estimated, and the directors are of opinion that from this source alone large additional profits will be realised.

The manufacture of Chillingworth's inventions will be carried on at the Company's works, and machinery for that purpose is now being installed.

STEEL v. MALLEABLE IRON.

Chillingworth's weldless cycle and other fittings can only be made of the best steel, and therefore are always to be relied upon. The patents protect a process by means of which sockets of all sizes and shapes can be forced outwards by pressure from the inside of tubing in a manner previously impracticable, producing a result long sought for but never hitherto attained. The process is not confined to any particular size of tubing, but is applicable to all sizes, and is, in the opinion of eminent engineers, a most valuable and important mechanical invention, and will, in all probability, supersede for important tubular connections the ordinary castings now in use.

The manufacture of cycle fittings under the Chillingworth's patent was only recently commenced at Nuremberg in Bavaria. From February to November last sales have been effected of over 67,000 brackets in Germany alone. In view of the enormous demand for cycles in this country, and the fact that since the introduction of the patents at the recent Stanley Show over 300 applications have been received from English manufacturers and other persons connected with the cycling and engineering industries, the directors are satisfied that at a moderate estimate the sale of at least 200,000 sets per annum may be anticipated, the net profit from which should realise .... £[illegible],000

The vendors contract to increase the working plant and machinery (within four months from date of allotment) of the existing steel tube works to produce an output of 5,000,000ft. of tubing per annum, estimated to return an annual net profit of £20,000

The following eminent counsel, Mr. John Fletcher Moulton, Q.C., and Mr. T. M. Goodeve have reported upon the validity of the patent as follows:—

Mr. J. Fletcher Moulton's opinion:

"1. I am of opinion that Chillingworth's No. 5,0[illegible] of 1895, described an invention which forms good subject matter for a valid patent, in view of the evidence produced.

"2. I am of opinion that the specification of Chillingworth's patent is sufficient, and that it describes the manufacture with sufficient clearness.

"3. I am of opinion, upon the materials supplied with the case, that Chillingworth's patent can be supported in a court of law.

"(Signed) J. FLETCHER MOULTON."

"Temple, 12th December, 1896."

Abstract of Mr. T. M. Goodeve's opinion:

"After careful consideration of Chillingworth's Process taken as a whole, and of the results obtained by it, and also looking at the state of prior knowledge as described by the several specifications quoted in the case, I am of opinion that this claim (Claim 3) forms good subject matter for a valid patent.

"I am of opinion that Claim 1 can also be supported for subject matter.

"I see no reason to doubt that the specification is sufficient to enable a competent workman to form sockets on tubes or pipes in the manner described.

"On the evidence now produced I think that the Patent No. 5050/95 could be supported in a court of law.

"(Signed) T. M. GOODEVE."

"Temple, October 15th, 1896."

Messrs. Brewer and Son, the well-known patent experts, report upon the patent as follows:—

"Chillingworth's Invention, Patent No. 5050/95.

"We have examined the specification of the above patent for forming sockets on tubes or pipes of wrought iron, steel, and the like, and we have searched the records at the Patent Office under headings, 'Pipes,' 'Stamping Metals,' &c., from 23rd April, 1795, to the year 1895 inclusive.

"The German Patent Office (after investigation as to novelty) granted a Patent No. 84353 for the same invention.

"We have not found any patent with claims that anticipate Chillingworth's invention.

"In these circumstances we are of opinion that the Patent No. 5050/95 is valid, and the invention claimed new and useful.

"(Signed) BREWER AND SON."

"5th October, 1896."

The directors propose that £20,000 of the capital of the Company shall be set aside for working capital, and consider that amount amply sufficient to meet all requirements.

The Company acquires the patent and patent rights for Chillingworth's inventions already granted or to be granted in cycle and other fittings for the following countries:—The United Kingdom, British Colonies and Dependencies, France, Belgium, Austria, Hungary, United States of America, and all other foreign patents and patent rights (except for the German Empire).

The vendors, who are selling at a profit, have fixed the price to be paid to them for the goodwill, freehold land, buildings, and machinery, stock, fixed and loose plant, of the Standard Tube Company, including the erection of additional plant and machinery sufficient to bring the output of the Tube Works to 5,000,000ft. of weldless cold-drawn steel tubing per annum, as well as the patents and patent rights for Chillingworth's inventions as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, at £120,000, payable as to £25,000 in cash, £40,000 in shares, and the balance in cash or shares, at the option of the directors.

This being a parent company, it is proposed:

To sell all or any of the foreign patents outright.

To form subsidiary companies for working the same.

To grant licenses to work them on royalty.

The directors have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Walter Lewis, the present manager of the Standard Tube Works, for a period of five years, and feel satisfied that the undertaking will be presided over by a man thoroughly acquainted with the business in all its branches.

The vendors will pay all expenses of and incidental to the formation of the Company up to and including the first allotment of shares.

The following contracts have been entered into: A contract, dated the 7th day of December, 1896, made between Joseph William Fitter of the one part and the General Investors' Syndicate (Limited) of the other part; two contracts, dated respectively the 23rd day of October, 1896, and the 30th day of November, 1896, made between Rudolf Chillingworth of the one part, and the General Investors' Syndicate (Limited), of the other part; and a contract, dated the 30th day of December, 1896, between the General Investors' Syndicate (Limited) of the one part, and Charles H. Gingell, as trustee for the Company, of the other part.

Various trade contracts and agreements (relating to the ordinary business of the Company and the engagement of the staff) have been entered into, and contracts referring to the formation of the Company and subscription of the capital, to which the Company are not and will not be parties, have been or may be entered into by the vendors and promoters. All applicants for shares shall be deemed to have full notice of the last-mentioned contracts, agreements, and engagements, and applications will be received only upon the understanding that the applicants are to be deemed to agree with the Company (as trustees for the directors and other persons liable) to waive production of any further particulars of the said contracts, agreements, and engagements, and also any claims such applicants may have owing to any want of full compliance with the requirements of Section 38 of the Companies Act, 1867, in relation thereto.

The memorandum and articles of association and copies of the contracts specially mentioned above may be inspected at the offices of the Company's solicitors.

It is intended to apply for a settlement and official quotation for the shares of the Company on the London and Birmingham Stock Exchange.

In every case where no allotment is made the application money will be returned in full, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, the surplus will be appropriated on account of the allotment money, and any excess returned to the applicant.

Application for shares should be made on the forms accompanying the prospectus, and forwarded to the Company's bankers, together with the application money. If the amount be paid by cheque the same should be drawn to the order of the Company's bankers.

Prospectus and forms of application for shares may be obtained from the bankers, brokers, solicitors, or at the offices of the Company.

London, January [illegible], 1897.

BENIN MASSACRE.

BRITISH FORCE CUT UP BY WEST AFRICANS.

SURVIVORS' STORIES.

DEPARTURE OF THE PUNITIVE EXPEDITION.

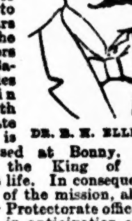
Yesterday saw the departure of a batch of officers who will lead the expedition that is to punish the King of Benin for the ghastly massacre of a British force reported this week. It appears that on or about the 1st inst. an expedition to the Benin City started from the coast by way of Sapele, on quite a peaceful mission. The party consisted of Acting Consul-gen. Phillips, Maj. P. W. G. Copland Crawford, Deputy-commissioner, Capt. M. Boisragon, Commandant of the Niger Coast Protectorate Force, Capt. A. J. Maling, wing officer of the same force, Messrs. R. F. Locke and R. C. Campbell, of the Consular Staff, Dr. R. H. Elliott, Medical Officer, and Messrs. Powis and Gordon, civilians, together with a number of Kroomen and native carriers. The Consul-gen.'s yacht Ivy returned this week bringing intelligence that the whole expedition, with the native followers, had been massacred by the King's people. A telegram from Brass, dated Jan. 14, was received in London shortly after midnight on Thursday announcing that Capt. Boisragon and Mr. Locke, District Commissioner, had been saved after wandering in the bush for 6 days. Both were wounded but were doing well. The telegram adds that no hope is entertained for the remainder. About 20 carriers returned. The following is the full text of the telegram. It is from Mr. Burrows at Benin:—"Boisragon and Locke safe, after wandering in the bush for 6 days. Both wounded. Doing well. No hope for remainder. About 20 carriers returned."



MR. POWIS.

AN ENGLISHMAN CAPTURED.

One other Englishman left the scene of the massacre alive. From the description given by the carriers, there is good reason to believe that this man was Mr. Powis. For some reason the enemy took him prisoner instead of killing him with the others. He was bound and carried off to Benin city. His ultimate fate has not yet been ascertained. There is no doubt that Mr. Phillips, Capt. Maling, Maj. Crawford, Mr. Campbell, Dr. Elliott, and Mr. Gordon perished at the scene of the disaster. The first news of the disaster was brought to European ears by one of the fugitive carriers who reached Sapele, 25 miles from Benin City, on the 7th inst. The fate of Mr. Powis is much discussed at Bonny. Some think that the King of Benin will spare his life. In consequence of the massacre of the mission, all leave of absence for Protectorate officers has been stopped in anticipation of their services being required on the spot. H.M. gunboat Widgeon, with 5 officers and 150 men, together with the Protectorate steam yacht Ivy, are at Bonny, but nothing can be done until after the arrival of Capt. Gallwey.



DR. R. H. ELLIOTT.

AN OFFICER'S ESCAPE.

Com. Dundas, who arrived in England by the Bathurst last week, very narrowly escaped being a member of the ill-fated expedition. This officer has been for the past 4 years Superintendent of Marine of the Niger Coast Protectorate, with headquarters at Calabar. It was intended that he should proceed with Acting-consul-gen. Phillips to Benin City, and he had many conversations with that unfortunate official as to the projected expedition. Com. Dundas suggested to Mr. Phillips the inadvisability of taking a large body of men into what was in reality a hostile territory on a pacific expedition. The danger of such a course was to be further emphasised by the circumstance that, owing to the barbarities of the Benin monarch, and the fact that he had by closing the markets stopped the trade of the Protectorate, it had already been rumoured on the coast that a warlike expedition was to be undertaken against his city. When the King heard of Mr. Phillips's advance with such a large following, he naturally concluded that the expedition was of a warlike character, and to this mistake the disaster, in Com. Dundas's opinion, is due. Capt. Boisragon was the only married member of the expedition.



MR. PHILLIPS.

THE PUNITIVE EXPEDITION.

The officers comprising the punitive expedition to Benin arrived at Liverpool soon after 6 yesterday morning. The party consisted of Consul-gen. Moor, Lieut.-col. B. Hamilton (in command), Capts. Koe, Walker, J. M. Henessy, and Thornton, Dr. F. Roth, Dr. Albraun, Mr. A. Whitehouse, Mr. J. F. Morgan, Mr. W. Crawford (brother of Maj. Crawford), Mr. O. Farrell, and Mr. Clive Bayley. There were also about a dozen military and naval attendants. Mr. Moor, on being asked what he thought of the prospects of the expedition, said that on this point it was impossible for him to speak. Continuing, he said: "In the first place, encouraged by the 2 men turning up, we have some hope that the remainder of the white party are not killed, but may be held as hostages, in which case we should at once take every measure to intervene and save their lives. If they are killed, I am not in a position to tell you what we should do." All the officers seemed in excellent spirits. A number of people assembled to see them off, but there was no cheering at the landing-stage. Cheers, however, were given as the tender left the side of the steamer. Out of the 15 gentlemen now leaving 7 have not been to W. Africa before.

THE PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

In an earlier interview Mr. Moor said: "The plan of campaign is practically settled, and the detailed arrangements are now being completed. The landing of the forces will be effected in launches, at a distance of about 20 miles from Benin City. The columns will then have to march through dense bush. There is a considerable space of open ground in the immediate vicinity of the city, but up to that point it is almost impenetrable forest."

THE FORCE TO BE SENT.

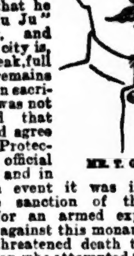
"We hope," continued Mr. Moor, "to start operations about the second week of February. Our force will, roughly, consist of 500 men, half of which will be Protectorate troops. We have three Maxims and three 9-pounders on mountain carriages. I do not think the opposition to be encountered will be equal to that of the Nana affair. On that occasion Nana had 114 big cannon placed round his town and trained on all its approaches. The forces of the King of Benin are an unknown quantity, but the escape of Capt. Boisragon and Mr. Locke will enable us to have the very latest information on this score. In my opinion, the smashing of the King's power will not take over a week, at the outside, from the date of the final advance on Benin City. Probably we shall have to go farther north than Benin City, and make that city our base for a short period, not only for offensive purposes, but also to enable us to call in the chiefs and the surrounding people. The beneficial results of the occupation of Benin City will at once be seen. The country is teeming with very rich products, and with the removal of the King and the Ju Jus this will be opened up. It is only this small block of country which prevents the opening up of trade with the interior."

THE PROTECTORATE FORCE.

Launches can go up the Benin river to Gwato, and from there to Benin City is about 25 miles. There is a Vice-consular station and barracks to accommodate 60 men at Sapele, 40 miles up the river, to which point the branch steamers ascend. The Niger Coast Protectorate Force was formed chiefly by the efforts of Capt Boisragon. It consisted in 1895 of 16 officers and 450 men armed with the Martini-Henry carbine with sword bayonet. There is a battery of 4 guns with carriages, especially adapted for service in the bush, and there are also Maxim guns. During 1894-5 the force was employed in 2 expeditions of considerable magnitude — first against the chief Nana, and then against the Brass River chiefs who attacked the Niger Co.'s station at Akassa.

A PACIFIC EXPEDITION.

The expedition which has met with such a deplorable fate was at first to be a pacific one—to ask the King of Benin to remove the obstacles he places in the way of trade. Seeing that he is a "Ju Ju" follower, and that his city is, so to speak, full of the remains of human sacrifices, it was not expected that he would agree to the Protectorate's official request, and in such an event it was intended to get the sanction of the Foreign Office for an armed expedition to proceed against this monarch, who recently threatened death to the next white man who attempted to visit him.



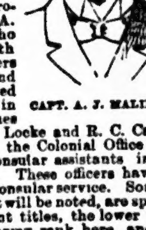
MR. T. GORDON.

SOME OF THE EXPEDITION.

Capt. A. M. Boisragon was formerly assistant-inspector in the Gold Coast Constabulary. He served with the 1st Batn. of the Royal Irish Regt. in the Nile Expedition of 1884-85, and received the medal and clasp and the Khedive's star. At the beginning of 1892 he was appointed in command of the escort to the Anglo-French Boundary Commission, and was thanked for his services by the Secretary of State. Later in the same year he was sent on a special mission to the Krobo and Thai Hills. He was appointed to the command of the Constabulary of the Protectorate in 1894. Capt. A. J. Maling is probably Lieut. A. I. Maling, who joined the 16th Queen's Lancers in 1890, and was promoted lieutenant in 1894. The names of Mr. R. F. Locke and R. C. Campbell figure in the Colonial Office List among the consular assistants in the Protectorate. These officers have no rank in the Consular service. Some of the officers, it will be noted, are spoken of by different titles, the lower rank being their army rank here, and the higher their rank in the Niger forces. The same thing happened in the Matabele rising.



CAPT. BOISRAGON.



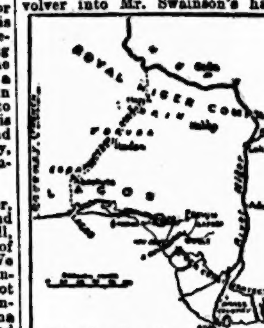
CAPT. A. J. MALING.

THE CITY OF BLOOD.

Mr. J. H. Swainson, who is now agent at Benin of Mr. J. Pinnock, of Liverpool, and who had been up to the city of Benin with Capt. Gallwey, the latter acting as her Majesty's representative, giving a description of his visit to Benin, which was designated as "The City of Blood," said they sent word to the King that they were coming to visit his city. Capt. Gallwey as the representative of Queen Victoria. The King kept them outside his town for two days, until his "fetish" was satisfied that the visit should be allowed. Twice he appointed a day to see the white men, and each time the arrangement was broken by the King. Late one night a messenger arrived from the King asking Mr. Swainson, whom he knew and had seen before, to come to the King's house.

FEARING SOME TREACHERY

Capt. Gallwey slipped a pocket revolver into Mr. Swainson's hands,



MAP OF OPERATIONS.

saying, "You know what it is for?" Mr. Swainson went, and the King asked him all about Capt. Gallwey, and whether he should see him. The King next day held a palaver with the Queen's man as Capt. Gallwey was called. Hundreds of people attended. The King wore a garment entirely covered with beads, except the finger ends, the toes, nose, mouth, &c. He could not move, and as the flies frequently alighted on these extremities a black servant stood by to knock them off and to scratch the irritated parts. One treaty was signed, but subsequently the King invited the two white men to witness a human sacrifice which he had just ordered to be made. This was declined, and Capt. Gallwey very courageously told his majesty that having made the treaty he would have to stop these human sacrifices. Mr. Swainson thought that the interpreter did not tell the King Capt. Gallwey's exact words otherwise there might have been trouble. Nevertheless the

HUMAN SACRIFICES TOOK PLACE.

Capt. Gallwey and Mr. Swainson were allowed to walk through the town and saw at various points the bodies of human beings. One body was on a crucifix tree with arms and legs outstretched; another was that of a man who had been tied to a tree and starved to death on account of there having been too much rain. Another had been similarly treated because the weather had been too hot, and at various parts of the city there were corpses; some headless, some armless, or otherwise mutilated. Since the above visit the King had on several occasions sent insolent messages down to Benin River saying he was as big as the White Queen, and one time asked if her Majesty had sent her respects to him. The population of the place could not be ascertained, but most people agree that it is not numerous, and nothing approaching that of Ashanti.

LONG-EXPECTED CASE.

The breach of promise action of Duncan v. Crabbe was due in Queen's Bench Court III. this week, but when its turn came it was passed over, and most of the people in court went away saying they had been cheated. For Duncan v. Crabbe is no ordinary case. "Duncan" is Miss Mabel Duncan, who is one of the alluring mousmees who carry tea in dainty attitudes in "The Geisha," at Daly's Theatre, and "Crabbe" is understood to be an officer. It was understood in part that the case had been adjourned by consent, and if so it is likely it will never be heard of again.

BY THE SAD SEA WAVES.

SCANDALOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A CLERGYMAN WITHDRAWN.

At Eastbourne, William Arden Parsons, a clergyman of the Church of England, staying in Mill-rd., was summoned for committing an assault on Sarah Jane Croft, a visitor, on the 2nd inst. Complainant stated she was married, living apart from her husband, who made her an allowance. When sitting on the Grand Parade, opposite the bandstand, about 6 in the evening, defendant came and persisted in entering into conversation, which ultimately turned on Church matters. Expressing pleasure at meeting one so interested in Church work, defendant invited her to walk a little way that they might finish the conversation. When they reached the Wish Tower she proposed returning, but he asked her to sit down for 5 minutes. She assented, and when she attempted to leave she found that defendant had hold of her round the waist. He made improper proposals to her. She repeatedly begged him to let her go. He answered, "Even if one should see you

NOBODY WILL SAY ANYTHING.

A clergyman covers a multitude of sins." He had one hand over her mouth, but she contrived to scream. Eventually defendant got up, and racing up the slope of the Wish Tower disappeared. She was too exhausted to follow him. She did not see defendant again until the 9th, when she encountered him in the Free Library. When he left she followed him, and complained to the police. — Cross-examined by Mr. Hillman, complainant said she had been living in Eastbourne about 5 weeks, and during that time had been in 3 different lodgings. She lived in London, but had

NO PERMANENT ADDRESS.

She refused to give her husband's address or that of her sister, or her name before marriage, but she afterwards wrote them down for the private information of the magistrate.—In consequence of other refusals from prosecutrix, Mr. Fovargue, who appeared in support of the summons on behalf of the police, withdrew from the case.—Complainant eventually withdrew the summons. — Mr. Hillman remarked that he was prepared to give the lie direct to complainant's statement.

CITY PARISHES.

The Bishop of London is about to nominate a commission to inquire into the expediency of the proposed union of the benefices of St. Giles, Cripplegate, and St. Bartholomew, Moor-lane. Some 9 or 10 years ago a similar proposal was made, but the negotiations fell through. Now, however, the tower of the Church of St. Bartholomew, Moor-lane, has been condemned as unsafe, and the question of the amalgamation of the 2 parishes and the removal of the Church of St. Bartholomew is being again considered.

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TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

A SWEETHEART SHOT DEAD AT STONE.

A terrible tragedy occurred this week at Stone, N. Staffordshire, when Henry Shingler, 28, boot finisher, is alleged to have shot his sweetheart, a woman named Annie Hines, aged about 30, at the house of his step-mother. It is stated that the woman Hines had been in domestic service at Spring Bank, Compton, near Wolverhampton, and that Shingler had not seen her for a couple of years until Christmas Eve, when she turned up at the house of Shingler's mother. She was then enceinte, but was taken in, and apparently the relationship with the mother and her sweetheart were friendly. At any rate, she was allowed to stay, and for a time all seemingly went well. The house of Shingler's mother is situated in a poor district, being a cottage at Oulton-rd. The deceased woman called at Stafford on Dec. 24, and saw some of her relatives, whom she told that she was

GOING TO STONE TO GET MARRIED

to Shingler on Jan. 14—the very day that the murder took place. Nothing of this sort appears to have been arranged on the part of the man, and neither the registrars nor any of the ecclesiastical officials had been communicated with as to any marriage taking place. On Wednesday the woman complained of being ill, and Dr. Fernie was summoned. He found that she was about to be confined, and Mrs. Downing, a midwife, was called in. A child was born during the course of the day, and in conversation with Shingler she is said to have admitted that it was not his, the father being a man, whose name she did not reveal. Shingler appeared to be very much disturbed about the occurrence, and repeated that he had not seen the woman for more than 2 years prior to her appearance in Stone, and he thought that it was

A GREAT SHAME

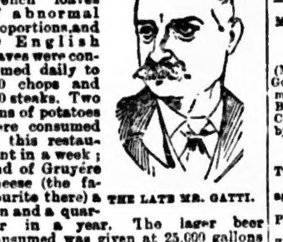
that she should come to his mother's house in such a condition, and so bring trouble and disgrace upon him. Still she was allowed to stay there, and all seemed to be on perfectly friendly terms. Shortly before one o'clock in the afternoon Mrs. Shingler went out, leaving her son in the kitchen, and telling him not to go upstairs to disturb Miss Hines and her baby. She was away only 20 minutes, but on her return found the doors of the house fastened. She became at once alarmed, and went to some of the neighbours. One of these, a Mrs. Smith, obtained a ladder, which she mounted and effected an entrance. She immediately came downstairs and unfastened the back door. Mrs. Downing and others had assembled outside, and with Mrs. Shingler they went into the house. In the front bed-room they found the woman Hines dead in bed, with a baby uninjured on her arm. She had been

SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD,

the bullet having entered her face underneath the left eye. Shingler was leaning almost unconscious against the bed, with a revolver in his hand and a bullet wound through his right temple, which had penetrated right through his head. Mrs. Downing said to him, "Oh, Harry, Harry, what have you done?" and he replied in a muttering tone, "Oh, Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Downing," murmuring other statements which could not be caught by the astonished and frightened women. P.C. Godley was fetched, and on his arrival found the woman dead and the man unconscious. The latter was at once taken to the Stafford Infirmary. It is stated that Shingler purchased a 5-chambered British bull-dog revolver on Wednesday night, together with 25 ordinary cartridges, saying that he was about to go to America. When the discovery of the tragedy was made 2 chambers of the revolver had been discharged. Shingler has till now borne an excellent character. The mother of the victim is well connected, and altogether a superior woman. Her first husband, deceased's father, was a private tutor to the Imperial Court of Russia. He died suddenly of apoplexy, and his widow then, through a priest at Barngtaple, of which place she is a native, went as a lady's maid at Burton Court, Stafford.

MR. A. GATTI DEAD.

Mr. Agostino Gatti, of the Adelphi Theatre, the Adelaide Gallery, and many other enterprises, has just died in his 56th year. He is survived by his brother Stefano. A few years ago it was computed by the Brothers Gatti that in the Adelaide Gallery about 2,000 French and Italian rolls, 25 French loaves of abnormal proportions, and 30 English loaves were consumed daily to 350 chops and 500 steaks. Two tons of potatoes were consumed in this restaurant in a week; and of Gruyère cheese (the favourite there) a ton and a quarter in a year. The lager beer consumed was given at 25,000 gallons a year; the cups of coffee were 370,000 per year, or more than 1,000 per day; the tea consumed was 130,000 cups every year, and the chocolate 120,000 cups. Their fortune can only be guessed at, but it must be exceedingly large. Many people supposed the brothers to be twins, but Agostino was the elder by 2 years. The brothers were members of the Swiss National Assembly.



THE LATE MR. GATTI.

THE CURATE SENTENCED.

The Rev. Alfred Baker Winnifrith and Rose Agnes Hern, who pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey to perjury and conspiracy in the divorce proceedings in which Mrs. Hern was respondent and the curate Winnifrith co-respondent, were brought up yesterday for sentence.—The Judge said that the case was a peculiarly bad one, and reflected the greatest possible discredit upon Winnifrith, whom he sentenced to 18 months' hard labour, and Mrs. Hern to 6 months' hard labour.

LORD ROSEBERY'S SUCCESSOR

To-morrow a meeting to elect a successor to Lord Rosebery as Radical leader in the House of Lords will be held at Spencer House. The post will probably in the first instance be offered to Lord Kimberley, and failing his acceptance of it, Lord Spencer will be invited to undertake the not over-exacting duties.

LARRY LYNX'S LATEST.

May be there is not a great deal to talk about in connection with the illness of Mr. R. C. Naylor. Yet this gentleman's racing record is a great one. He once owned a colt named Chattanooga, who, if he had not turned roarer, might have upset Gladiateur's triple crown record in 1865. Those who remember the latter's two-year-old career might possibly recollect that among the horses who defeated the mighty Gladiateur when he was a two-year-old were Bedminster and Chattanooga. The first-named, who belonged to Sir Joseph Hawley, beat Gladiateur, and Chattanooga followed up the suit by smashing up the mighty Frenchman on the Criterion Hill. Bedminster went all to pieces in the winter preceding the Derby of 1865, and Chattanooga turned roarer, and thence it was a case of Gladiateur first and the rest nowhere.

The death of George Mawson, one of our best steeplechase riders, in the prime of life, tells us that the cross-country jockey's life is by no means a bed of roses. Last March he came a cropper at Lingfield with Miss Ellard. Then he got a nasty kick in the neck which created a flesh wound that caused all the trouble. He was soon in the saddle again, but had to undergo an operation which did not lead to successful results, and in the end he passed away last Friday morning. His height of ambition was reached when he steered Playfair, a 40 to 1 chance, in the 1888 Grand National.

My selections for next week are as follow:—

Manchester (Tuesday).—Manchester Handicap Steeplechase, Rory O'More; Selling Handicap Hurdle Race, Maddenstown; Ellesmere Handicap Hurdle Race, I O U; Pendleton Steeplechase Plate, Keelson; Maiden Hurdle Race, King Spider; Selling Steeplechase, Spoonbait. (Wednesday): January Hurdle Race, Knight of Rhodes; Trafford Park Handicap Steeplechase, Castle Warden; Selling Hurdle Race Plate, Sicily Queen; Salford Steeplechase Plate, Once More; Cheshire Steeplechase Plate, Wild Man from Borneo.

Wye (Thursday).—Novices' Steeplechase, Castleknock; Wye Handicap Hurdle Race, Bev Jones; Folkestone Selling Hurdle Race, Zigeunerin; Dover Selling Steeplechase, Bridesmaid; Harville Maiden Hurdle Race, La Masquerade; Hunters' Steeplechase, Fat and Free.

Hurst Park (Friday).—Maiden Hurdle Race Plate, Bayreuth; Middlesex Handicap Steeplechase, Prince Edward; Surbiton Steeplechase Plate, Norton; Riverside Hurdle Race Plate, Deerstalker. (Saturday): New Year Handicap Hurdle Race Plate, Harold; January Hurdle Race Plate, Willington; Scurry Steeplechase Plate, Victor; Richmond Handicap Steeplechase Plate, Westmeath.

YESTERDAY'S RACING.

PLUMPTON (SUSSEX) JANUARY STEEPLECHASES.

The HUNT CUP STEEPLECHASE, value 30 sovs. About 3½ miles.

Lady George Pratt's Turquoise, aged, 11st 7lb ... Mr. Vanus Lava 1
Mr. Arbuthnot's Leila, aged, 12st 7lb...Owner 0
Mr. F. Cobb's Mars, 6yrs, 11st 7lb ... Mr. Chinnery 0

Winner trained privately.

Betting: 11 to 10 agst Leila, 7 to 4 agst Mars, and 3 to 1 agst Turquoise. Leila and Mars fell. Turquoise finishing alone.

The HURSTPIERPOINT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs. 2 miles.

Mr. Buckworth's Brown Princess, 4yrs, 11st 10lb ... Fitton 1
Mr. E. Woodland's Hamptonian II., aged, 12st 6lb ... Mr. H. Woodland 2
Mr. Clarke's Barcombe, aged, 12st...J. Jones 3

Winner trained privately.

Also ran: Miss Tennyson (Dollery), Alsace (Ellis), Navarro (H. Brown), Stonebroke (L. Bland), Protectionist (E. T. Young), Livy (Denby), Watermouth (Makepeace), Lachrymose (Davison), Glencannick (Lilford), Monkshaven (Acres). Betting: 2 to 1 agst Miss Tennyson, 6 to 1 agst Hamptonian II., 7 to 1 agst Brown Princess, 10 to 1 each agst Barcombe and Livy, and 100 to 8 agst any other. Won by a length; half a length separated second and third. The winner was sold to Miss Norris for 130gs. Denby was badly hurt by the falling of Livy.

The BARCOMBE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs. 2 miles.

Mr. W. C. Keeping's Peter Melville, 6yrs, 12st ... E. Mathews 1
Mr. Vanus Lava's Anchor, aged, 12st...Owner 2
Mr. E. B. Ashmore's Witch of Endor, aged, 12st 2lb ... Lilford 3

Winner trained by Wheeler.

Also ran: Lambton (Dollery), Roboham (A. Madden), Red Indian (Mr. A. W. Wood). Betting: 6 to 4 agst Lambton, 13 to 8 agst Peter Melville, 5 to 1 agst Witch of Endor, 10 to 1 each agst Anchor and Roboham, and 20 to 1 agst Red Indian. Won by 3 lengths; 10 lengths separated second and third.

The SOUTHOVER SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs. 2 miles.

Mr. Appin's Zoto, aged, 12st 7lb......Acres 1
Mr. E. Woodland's Crepu, aged, 12st 2lb ... Mr. H. Woodland 2
Mr. Tabor's Fat and Free, aged, 11st 2lb ... Owner 3

Winner trained by E. Woodland.

Also ran: Tavora (Makepeace), Inigo (A. Madden), Ding Dong (C. James), Hatch (Mr. Hampton), King of the Gipsies (Gowland), Pharpar (L. Bland), Q.C. (H. Brown). Betting: 2 to 1 agst Zoto, 9 to 4 agst King of the Gipsies, 6 to 1 agst Pharpar, and 10 to 1 agst any other. Won by 2 lengths; 5 lengths separated second and third. The winner was sold to Mr. Burbidge for 125gs.

The ASHURST MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 30 sovs. 2 miles.

Mr. A. Jelland's Clinton, 5yrs, 10st 10lb ... Mr. Bissell 1
Mr. R. Morphy's L'Abbe Noir, 5yrs, 10st 10lb ... Mr. Bletsoe 0

Winner trained privately.

Betting: 6 to 4 on Clinton, who came in alone. L'Abbe Noir broke down and was dismounted.

A MAIDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE of 40 sovs. 2 miles.

Miss A. Nicholson's Barbarossa, 5yrs, 11st 12lb ... Mr. W. Cullen 1
Mr. J. Parkinson's Downey, aged, 12st ... Owner 2
Mr. Vanus Lava's Minnehaha, 5yrs, 11st 5lb ... Owner 3

Winner trained by Mr. McAuliffe.

Also ran: Cricerac (Mr. Lord), Hesperides (Mr. A. Thirlwell), Charles the Third (Mr. Gore), Colleen (Mr. A. W. Wood), Mr. Gillmore (Mr. Tabor). Betting: 11 to 10 on Barbarossa, 2 to 1 agst Downey, 7 to 1 agst Cricerac, and 10 to 1 agst any other. Won by 8 lengths; a bad third.

STARTING PRICES.

Hunt Cup Steeplechase (3)—3 to 1 agst Turquoise.
Hurstpierpoint Selling Hurdle (13)—7 to 1 agst Brown Princess.
Barcombe Steeplechase (6)—13 to 8 agst Peter Melville.
Southover Steeplechase (10)—2 to 1 agst Zoto.
Ashurst Maiden Hurdle (2)—6 to 4 on Clinton.
Maiden N.H. Flat (8)—11 to 10 on Barbarossa.
(The figures in parentheses indicate the number of starters.)

SCRATCHINGS.

We are officially notified by Messrs. Weatherby of the following scratchings:—Gatwick January Steeplechase, Cathal. All handicaps for which the weights have appeared, Anteros and Tippoo Tib. Manchester Second January engagements, Innishannon, Lotus Lily, and Athgoe. All engagements, Midnight Sun and Orciano (dead). Doge was struck out of the Staffordshire Handicap Hurdle at Birmingham as soon as the weights appeared.

PREDICTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK.

MANCHESTER.

Handicap Steeplechase.—"Sportsman," Rory O'More or Lotus Lily; "Sporting Life," Cruishkeen II.; "Field," Rory O'More; "Land and Water," Castle Warden; "Horse and Hound," Rory O'More.

Selling Handicap Hurdle.—"Sportsman," Ilium or Ochiltree II.; "Sporting Life," Anteros; "Field," Midnight Sun or Everton; "Land and Water," Muscipula; "Horse and Hound," Midnight Sun.

Ellesmere Handicap Hurdle.—"Sportsman," Morganue or I.O.U.; "Sporting Life," Armitage; "Field," Swaledale or I.O.U.; "Land and Water," Celle; "Horse and Hound," Swaledale.

January Hurdle Race.—"Sportsman," Keelson or I.O.U.; "Sporting Life," Priestholme; "Field," I.O.U. or Kale; "Land and Water," Knight of Rhodes; "Horse and Hound," Knight of Rhodes or The Jew.

Trafford Handicap Steeplechase.—"Sportsman," [illegible] Owick or Carrington; "Sporting Life," Carrington; "Field," Ebor or Castle Warden; "Land and Water," Ebor; "Horse and Hound," Comic Opera.

Cheshire Steeplechase.—"Sportsman," King Charles or Grudon; "Sporting Life," Kale; "Field," Wild Man from Borneo; "Land and Water," King Charles.

HURST PARK.

Middlesex Handicap Steeplechase.—"Sportsman," Melton Constable or May Day; "Sporting Life," Prince Edward; "Field," Prince Edward or Comic Opera; "Land and Water," Comic Opera; "Horse and Hound," Prince Edward.

Surbiton Steeplechase.—"Sportsman," Norton; "Sporting Life," Argonaut; "Field," Norton; "Land and Water," Norton; "Horse and Hound," Norton.

Maiden Hurdle Race.—"Sportsman," Hindley; "Sporting Life," Hawkwood; "Field," Pilot or Hindley; "Land and Water," Bayreuth.

New Year Handicap Hurdle.—"Sportsman," Harold or Baccarat; "Sporting Life," Calaisand; "Field," Baccarat or Harold; "Land and Water," Harold.

January Hurdle Race.—"Sportsman," Keelson; "Sporting Life," Settee; "Field," Settee or The Rays; "Land and Water," Fossecker.

Richmond Handicap Steeplechase.—"Sportsman," New Abbey; "Sporting Life," Seaport II.; "Field," Westmeath or Chit Chat; "Land and Water," New Abbey.

ANGLING.

YESTERDAY'S REPORTS.

The Thames, Lea, and Arun have been out of condition all the week, but, as will be seen from the telegrams printed below, the flood water is now running off, and in a few days anglers will, no doubt, be able to obtain good sport.

THE THAMES.

TWICKENHAM.—The water has fallen considerably, but anglers must not expect the river to be in really good condition for some days yet.

KINGSTON.—The water is still about 2 feet above summer level, but it is slowly running off and improving in colour.

HAMPTON COURT.—The water has fallen about 12 inches, but it will take another week before fishing will be any good.

SUNBURY.—The water is going down fast now, and in a few days there will be good roach fishing.

SHEPPERTON.—The push of water is gradually going down, but the river will not be in condition for several days.

STAINES.—The river has been bank high all the week, but is going down nicely, although still very thick.

DATCHET.—The river has been very high, but it is now falling fast, and in the course of a day or two, if the weather remains fine, there will be excellent fishing.

WINDSOR.—The river is still in flood here, but is a better colour. Dr. Bateman has managed to secure a good basket of roach, the heaviest 1lb. 4½oz., and another catch from the Colne, amongst which was a fish of 1lb. 10oz.

MAIDENHEAD.—The river is still unfit for fishing, although it has fallen considerably.

MARLOW.—The water is still very high, but is becoming a better colour. A few fine roach have been taken during the last few days by bank anglers.

HENLEY.—The water has fallen about 6 inches since Wednesday, and although 20 inches above summer level, is clearing fairly fast. It should be in fair order for roach fishing from the bank to-morrow (Sunday).

PANGBOURNE.—The water is getting a very good colour, and will be in first-rate order in a day or two if no more rain falls. Several fine lots of roach have been taken this week with the tail end of the lob, but gentles will probably be taken more freely as the water gets clearer.

THE LEA.

Telegrams from Broxbourne, St. Margaret's, and Hertford report that the water is clearing after the flood, and that good sport with roach may now be anticipated.

THE ARUN.

PULBOROUGH.—The water should be in fair condition to-morrow (Sunday).

SEA FISHING.

DEAL.—There have been few anglers out this week, and, indeed, it may be said that the fishing is practically over for the present.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—The fishing is still no better, and very few fish are now taken on the pier. In the mouth of the Ware several good fish up to 6lb. have been taken by local anglers.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

To-day (Sunday).—Anglers' Pride, match at Ware; Battersea Friendly, match at Cookham; Bermondsey Brothers, competition; Cambridge Friendly, outing to Henley; Cambridge Heath Brothers, match at Ware; Canning Town, match at Hatfield; Peveril Globe, match at Ware; North-east Brothers, match at St. Margarets; Peckham Brothers, match on the Arun; Sharp Waltonians, match at Rickmansworth; West Ham, match at Maldon; Westminster, match at St. Margarets; Kingston Piscatorials, competition on the Thames.

Monday.—Anchor and Hope, visit; Anglers' Association, delegate meeting; Dibdin, visit; St. John's, visit.

Tuesday.—Independent Brothers, T.A.P.S. concert; North London, visit; Sundial, outing.

Wednesday.—Dibdin, lecture by Mr. Ward, of the Bostonians, entitled "Anglers, and What They Catch."

Thursday.—T.A.P.S. dinner to Mr. A. Nuthall, J.P., at the Holborn Restaurant; Woolwich Brothers, supper.

The Great Yarmouth Piscatorial Society fished a pike match on Heigham Sound on Thursday. The fish ran small, but Mr. Boning succeeded in taking first prize and Mr. Stuart second prize.

The New Albion Piscatorials had a splendid show of roach and bream last week. Mr. Mudd showed over 20lb. of the latter, the two best scaling 10lb. 6oz. together, taken in the Bedfordshire Ouse. Messrs. C. Newbury and A. R. Matthews also displayed some good roach from Hampshire and Henley respectively.

Messrs. Jeffery and Dix, of Epsom, had a further take of roach on Wednesday last, bringing their total for two days up to 58lb., all duly weighed in at the Wellington.

THE WORKS COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee appointed to inquire into the Works Department of the L.C.C., sat this week at the County Hall, Sir A. Arnold presiding.—Mr. Haward, the Council's comptroller, stated that the department now supplied more information than a contractor, but some of the details were due to the need for complying with the Council's Standing Orders. Had the department not been established, of course the cost of obtaining the details would have been saved the Council. He had not inquired as to whether the number of clerks employed was excessive, but he thought the accounts of a public body had to be kept in a more elaborate form than those of a private firm. There was a possible loss, but very little money passed except wages, and all employés entrusted with money were guaranteed. There was, of course, a possibility of the Council being landed in a very heavy loss. He could not see his way to doing away with the Works Committee. It would depend upon the amount of the work given to the department whether it would pay or not.—Adjourned till Wednesday.

Instructions have been issued for the torpedo-boat destroyer flotilla attached to the Sheerness command to resume instructional duties on Monday, on the completion of Christmas leave.

A despatch from Bermuda states that the division offices of the Royal Engineers have been totally destroyed by fire. All documents and apparatus have been destroyed, and the loss will be very heavy.

AS USUAL.

MR. ALF CLARK is first in the field with selections for the LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP and the GRAND NATIONAL. His wonderful record of last year is most interesting reading, showing at a glance by the numerous testimonials and recommendations that his dealings with his clients are always fair, square, and above board. You should send him your stamped address and judge for yourselves.—ALFRED CLARK, LISCARD, CHES.

NEW ROYAL YACHT.

It is stated at Portsmouth that the Queen has approved the suggestion of the Admiralty with respect to the construction of a royal yacht in the place of the Victoria and Albert, which was launched at Pembroke in 1855. The new yacht, which will be built entirely of steel, will have a total length of 400ft, with a breadth of 52ft, and her twin screws will be driven by a pair of composite engines, from which steam will be supplied by water-tube boilers of the Belleville type. It is expected that the vessel, which will shortly be commenced, will be built at Pembroke, and it is stated that she is to be ready for service by March, 1899.

While riding with a lady at King's Heath yesterday, Mr. Austen Chamberlain's horse took fright, and after going some distance stumbled and fell with him. He escaped with nothing more serious than a few bruises and a severe shaking. It is hoped he will be in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

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THE BENIN DISASTER.

Once more this country finds itself on the verge of yet another little war. The massacre—if, as is but too probable, they have been massacred—of the group of British officers who recently went on a peaceful mission into the country of the King of Benin necessitates, of course, the despatch of an expedition to punish the offenders. The King of Benin is known to be a particularly ferocious savage chief, his murders and misdeeds have long been notorious, and even if this outrage had never been committed it would certainly have been necessary, sooner or later, to treat him in much the same way as King Prempeh of Ashantee. But how did it come to pass that our officers went unarmed into his country, especially when accompanied by a large force of native carriers? The mission, being numerous enough to excite the suspicion of the savages, ought to have been armed to resist their probable attack. Besides, it seems to have been well known that the King had threatened to kill any white man he found within his borders. The conduct of the experienced men who entrusted their safety to the caprice of this blood-thirsty savage seems, therefore, inexplicable unless we assume that they were prompted by that inborn contempt for danger and readiness to carry their lives in their hands which has ever been characteristic of Englishmen in their dealings with savage races. It is rash, perhaps, this readiness; and every now and then it leads to a disaster such as the present. And yet it is not a quality that we should like to see die out. Do we not owe much of our world-wide Empire to this readiness of the Englishman to go in any direction in which duty or adventure calls him, and never to believe that anything will stop him until he finds himself stopped? In the present instance it is greatly to be feared that the lives of brave and experienced men have been lost. Still, there remains a slender hope that some, if not all, of these plucky countrymen of ours are yet alive, and are being held as hostages by their savage captor. But, however that may be, it will now be the duty of England to punish the outrage, and to let in the light of her presence upon one of the darkest of the places of the Dark Continent of Africa.

MUNICIPAL LONDON.

The meeting held last Wednesday in support of the proposed incorporation of Kensington is evidence of the existence of a local desire for a step which would certainly be in the right direction. "I believe," says Mr. Chamberlain, in a letter written in support of the scheme, "that the best security for the good and efficient government of London will be found in the creation of separate municipalities for the different divisions of the metropolis." This principle of division was, of course, the essential feature in Mr. Chamberlain's own scheme for the municipal government of London. Everyone is agreed that the local government of the enormous population which has gradually grown up round the City is not what it ought to be. At the same time, the pet Radical theory of unification, the vesting of all powers in a single central body, is essentially unsound. "The metropolis," as Mr. Chamberlain says, "is too large, and its needs are too varied and too complicated, to be properly provided for by a single authority," although it is equally true that there must be some such central body to have control over such general matters as are the common concern of the whole metropolitan area. For purely local affairs, therefore, local bodies are required, and the inhabitants of Kensington, like those of Westminster, may be congratulated upon the interest they are displaying in the municipal life of their own district by taking steps to obtain a separate municipality for themselves.

CHARGE AGAINST A TRAVELLER.

At Kingston-on-Thames yesterday John Watts, traveller, giving an address in Cowan-st., Camberwell, was charged with stealing and receiving a bicycle, value £20, belonging to Lieut. St. Clair, of the Scots Greys, stationed at Hounslow. The bicycle was taken from outside an hotel at Molesey, and sold to a man at Camberwell for £6.—Prisoner pleaded that he sold the machine for a man named Carter, who, it was alleged, was in prison for burglary. — The magistrates sentenced Watts to 1 day's imprisonment.

Sir Matthew White-Ridley has acknowledged the receipt of a memorial urging the Government to introduce legislation prohibiting the publication of reports of legal cases which are calculated to prove detrimental to public morals.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' DINNER.

The London branch of the Commercial Travellers' Association held its second annual dinner at the Holborn Restaurant last night. There was a large number of commercials present.—The chairman, Mr. R. Tidmas, in proposing the health of the Queen, said that the English were the most thrifty of all civilised people, inasmuch as they had not changed a sovereign for upwards of 60 years. (Loud cheers.) In proposing the toast of "The United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association," he said that the past year had been one of unexampled prosperity and activity in all branches of their society, and it was marked by the concession of week-end tickets. This had been in force for upwards of 6 months, and had proved a boon to the 44,000 commercial travellers connected with the association. —Mr. Summer, chairman-elect of the Central Board, in proposing the toast of "The Association," said the toast was

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he had had for the year. He was happy to say that the London branch of the association was the leading branch, and its members now numbered 1,650. It had set a wonderful example to other branches in its contributions to their two great charities. —The chairman, in responding, said the branch, after carrying forward a balance of 3 figures, had been able to give substantial donations to each of the 3 charities and had also established a Samaritan Fund.—Mr. J. E. Alger, in response to the toast of "The Schools and Benevolent Institution," referred in feeling terms to the loss the societies had sustained in the sudden death last week of the best friend the commercial travellers had ever had—Mr. Daniel R. Harvest, treasurer of the Commercial Travellers' Schools and trustee of the London Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Society. "There are men," he said, "whose setting sun will illumine the years that follow, however dense may be the clouds that for a time bedim the eyes and thoughts of those who mourn their absence. Still, through it all the light of their bright and useful lives will penetrate the darkest gloom."—Other speeches followed, and the proceedings were enlivened by the performance of an excellent programme of music.

FIRES IN LONDON.

DESTRUCTIVE OUTBREAKS AT WANDSWORTH AND EUSTON-ROAD.

A fire of an extensive and destructive character occurred early yesterday on the works of Mr. J. Ford, cattle food manufacturer, in Bendon Valley, Garratt-lane, Wandsworth. A building of one and two floors, 70 feet long and 30 wide, used as a manufactory and stores, was first attacked. The structure in which the fire was raging was closely stocked with the most inflammable materials, and these burning so fiercely it was obvious from the first that the factory itself was doomed. The works of Messrs. Padbury, cardboard manufacturers, were close by, and the fire, fanned by the fairly strong wind, spread to the 3 large buildings belonging to this firm. By 3 o'clock the fire had completely enveloped Messrs. Padbury's main warehouse, a building of 2 floors, 160 feet long and 40 wide, used as a manufactory, offices, and stores. The flames spread to a 3-floored building 50 feet long and 30 wide, used as drying rooms, and to a building, also of 3 floors, 70 feet long and 30 wide, used as machine room and stores. The task of the firemen, under Mr. Gamble and Supt. Pettit, was a very arduous one, and the morning had far advanced before the efforts of the brigade were effective, and by that time Mr. Ford's place had been destroyed, as well as the principal building of Messrs. Padbury. The other 2 buildings of the latter firm were saved, although they sustained some damage. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

INJURY IN THE BOROUGH.

A fire broke out from some unknown cause at 109, Mowbray-buildings, Red Cross-st., Borough, occupied by Mr. J. Evans. The son of the occupier, Arthur Evans, aged 1½ years, was so severely burned before he could be rescued from the room that he had to be taken to the hospital.

OUTBREAK IN THE EUSTON-ROAD.

Yesterday afternoon a fire broke out at the large premises occupied by Mr. W. Dunhill, harness and tarpaulin maker, at 125 and 127, Euston-rd. Long before the firemen arrived the flames, which spread with remarkable rapidity, had obtained a firm hold of the premises, which consist of 2 buildings, 90 feet by 50 feet, one of 2 and the other of 4 floors. Upon the arrival of the brigade immense volumes of water were poured on the flames, with but little effect, the flames reaching to a tremendous height. In consequence of the serious nature of the conflagration, all traffic along the Euston-rd. was diverted, and a larger contingent of firemen was sent for. Despite this fact, the firemen were some considerable time before they could extinguish the flames. The contents of the workshops, offices, and stores were severely damaged, and part of the roof was off, and the rest of the buildings and contents damaged by fire, breakage, and water.

HAMBURG DOCK STRIKE.

A yesterday's Reuter's telegram says that it has been decided to appoint a committee of 3 employers and 3 workmen to elaborate proposals for a settlement of disputed points, and that these proposals should be submitted to arbitration.

THE SAVAGE CLUB.

Last night the members of the Savage Club entertained Mr. Ritchie, M.P., President of the Board of Trade, the Lord Mayor, and sheriffs. Mr. Alderman Treloar presided, and among those present were Lord Limerick, Sir J. Linton, Messrs. Yeend King, M. Prior, J. Orrock, F. Bowyer, and Mackintosh. During the evening humorous speeches were delivered by the chairman and the Lord Mayor; while Messrs. W. Nicholl, C. Collett, J. Proctor, G. FitzGibbon, C. Barnard, C. Arnold, and C. Hargett contributed songs, &c.

Yesterday Sub.-div. Insp. Mumford, of the T Division of the Metropolitan police (Hammersmith) retired on a pension of £112 16s. 10d. per annum after 26 years' service.

At the Hotel Metropole last night the members of the Northern Circuit entertained Mr. W. R. M'Connell, Q.C., on his appointment as chairman of the Quarter Sessions for the County of London. There was a large attendance.

QUEEN'S COMMEMORATION.

The directors of the London Exhibitions have issued a circular giving particulars of the exhibition by which they have decided to celebrate the completion of the 60th year of the Queen's reign. The exhibition, which will be held at Earl's Court, is to be known as the "Victorian Era Exhibition." It will endeavour to contrast the condition of the country to-day with that of the year of the Queen's accession. There is an influential committee of advice, consisting of over 150 well known persons, under the presidency of the Duke of Cambridge. The exhibition will be divided into 8 sections. The Fine Arts and Historical Sections will show specimens of the art of the last 60 years, and will represent the chief events of the reign; three other sections will be devoted to Drama, Music, and Women's Work; and 3 more to the Economic, Scientific, and Industrial progress of the country. Each section is under the superintendence of a committee of persons well known in their several departments.

THREATENED DOCK STRIKE.

The danger with which the dock industry of the port of London was threatened during the latter part of last year appears now to have passed away for the present. The dock managers, wharfingers, and other employers of labour were at no time seriously alarmed at the prospect before them, although they admit that a strike would have caused temporary inconvenience, but they felt sure that they could always have filled the places of the men who might have come out. It is now stated that the Hamburg strike has completely demonstrated the impracticability of the scheme of the International Federation of Ship, Dock, and River Workers for a simultaneous cessation of work in both British and Continental ports: for if it has proved hard work to raise enough money to support the Hamburg men for a few weeks, it is asked what would happen in the event of anything like a general strike in England alone? It is also stated by those in a position to know something of the matter, that the response of the appeal on behalf of the Hamburg strikers was never very hearty, that the subscriptions were confined to a comparatively small section of the London dock workers, and that these have now fallen to a very insignificant sum. The bulk of the London men, in fact, it is asserted, have

NO WISH FOR A STRIKE,

that is, those who are actually at work, and, in the absence of any information as to the ballot taken a couple of months or so ago, beyond the vague statement that a large majority had declared in favour of a strike, this is believed to be the case. At the same time it is understood that the agitation will not be allowed to lapse. The leaders of the movement have committed themselves too far for that, and if they failed to keep pegging away it will be a confession of failure. In fact, a considerable section of the men, even those belonging to some of the organisations, admit that their leaders boasted too much of what they intended to do, knowing at the same time that they were not in a position to carry out their threats. Efforts are still being made for increased financial support, but these are said not to meet with any great measure of success.

APPEAL FOR HELP.

Yesterday a communication from Herr Von Elm, Socialist Deputy, was received by the secretary of the London Trades Council, containing an earnest appeal for funds. "The ice in the Elbe," it says, "has now broken, and ships are flocking in. There is no possible chance of their being worked so long as the present state of affairs continues to exist, as the harbour is becoming entirely blocked. The only question now arises, can you guarantee to supply us with another week's strike pay? The ships cannot leave the harbour, and it is impossible for the shipowners to hold out much longer under the present circumstances. Providing the men stand firm, I believe it is now only a matter of a week or so before a settlement of the dispute will be arrived at in favour of the men." —The Secretary informed a reporter that the London Trades Council had already made 2 appeals to the workers of London for funds on behalf of the Hamburg strike, and as a result the Council had forwarded several cheques, including one for £25 on Friday last to the Strike Committee at Hamburg. The dock gate collections were continued yesterday, and it is stated that the total amount received at the central office had been £951 3s. 8d.

THE AMERICAN MARKETS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Wheat closed firm at ⅛c. to ⅛c. advance. Corn opened dull with values unchanged to ⅛c. lower. Lard, cash, market quiet and unchanged. Coffee unchanged to 5 points down. Cotton quiet at ⅛ to 5 points fall. Petroleum, refined, dull. Sugar quiet. Tin quiet. Iron active. Copper steady. Flour steady. At Chicago.—Wheat closed firm, ⅛c. to ⅛c. higher. Corn unchanged to ⅛c. up. Provisions depressed. Lard unchanged to 2½ points down. Pork dull at late rates. Bacon strong. Hogs are 5 points down.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Call Money, United States Government Bonds, 1½ to 2 nominal; Call money, other securities, 1½ to 2 nominal; Exchange on London, 60 days' Sight, 4.85½; Cable Transfers, 4.88½; Exchange on Paris, 60 Days' Sight, 5.18⅛; Ditto Berlin, Ditto 95⅛; Four per Cent. United States Funded Loans Registered Bonds, 111½; Western Union Telegraph, 85½; Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Shares, 14½; Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Four per Cent. Bonds, 24½; Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Second Mortgage Bonds, A, 80½; Baltimore and Ohio, 16; Baltimore and Ohio S.W. Four-and-a-Half per Cents., at Baltimore, 95; Canada Southern, 44; Canadian Pacific, 56½; Central of New Jersey, 102; Central Pacific, 13½; Chesapeake and Ohio Common, 18; Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy, 76½; Chicago and N.-Western Ordinary, 104½; Chicago, Milwaukie, and St. Paul Common, 76½; Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific, 69½; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis Ord., 29½; Delaware and Hudson, 112½; Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western, 156; Denver and Rio Grande Common, 12; Denver and Rio Grande Preferred, 43½; East Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia 2nd Preference, —; Illinois Central, 93; Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, 152½; Louisville and Nashville, 51½; Michigan Central, —; Missouri, Kansas, and Texas, 14½; Missouri Pacific, 23; New York, Lake Erie, and Western, —; New York, Lake Erie, and Western Preference, —; New York, Lake Erie, and Western 2nd Mortgage Bonds, —; New York Central and Hudson River, 94½; New York and New England, —; New York, Ontario, and Western, 15½; Northern Pacific, 13½; Northern Pacific Preferred, 34½; Norfolk and Western Preferred, 16½; Ohio and Mississippi, —; Pennsylvania Shares, at Philadelphia, 52½; Philadelphia and Reading, 27½; Southern Railway, 9½; Southern Railway Preferred, 29; Union Pacific, 7½; Wabash, St. Louis, and Pacific Common, 7½; Wabash, St. Louis, and Pacific Preferred, 16½; Manhattan Elevated, 88½.

TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

There is good in everything, and even the massacre of British officers by the bloodthirsty brute who reigns in Benin has its advantageous side. The inevitable result will be the overthrow of that abominable person, his priests, his Ju-Jus, and his human sacrifices. Trade with the interior will be opened; something like good government will be established, and life and property in Benin will become reasonably secure. People mourn over Mr. Phillips and his slaughtered companions. I do not know why. Empires have their martyrs as well as Churches, and the army of the one is as noble as that of the other. Be sure they are above and beyond our pity; we can only hope and pray to make so good an end.

It is worth while just to give this caution to those people in England who are interested in the affairs of South Africa. Don't believe more than half you hear, if so much. Oom Paul and his friends are trying all they know to wire-pull the messages to England so as to produce an impression that Mr. Rhodes is the best-hated man in Cape Colony. It is all rubbish. The meetings by which he has been censured have been merely hole-and-corner affairs of which, if they had taken place in this country, nobody would have heard a word. Even at these the people have with difficulty been restrained from demonstrating in his favour. South Africa is going solid for Cecil Rhodes, don't you forget it.

I absolutely refuse to be discouraged or disheartened in the least degree by the result of the Cleveland election. I quite admit that the Radical majority has largely increased, but then it has not reached anything like the figure at which it used to stand, and the diminution in the Unionist poll is so small as not to be worth counting. Cleveland, remember, has always been a Radical seat—it is almost a pocket borough for the Pease's—and whether the majority against us there is small or big is a matter of very little consequence. It is, by the way, a curious fact that the Radical majority in Cleveland has always been large when the feeling of the country has been most Conservative.

Presumably one ought to condemn those British sailors in Hong Kong who challenged the French and Germans in the port to a free fight and pitched them into the harbour. It was very, very wrong, and I have no doubt they will get a proper wigging from their commander for such a scandalous breach of international peace. All the same, I am glad they didn't get thrashed, but gave the foreigners a thundering beating. I know that fighting is very sinful, and is peculiarly wicked on the part of the aggressor. Nevertheless, there is only one time when I feel as if I couldn't forgive Jack Tar, and that is when he gets thrashed. And that is not once in a blue moon.

You had better give up all attempts to follow the progress of the Cuban rebellion. It is perfectly useless. Everything we hear one day is contradicted the next; places that were carried by storm are found to be offering a stout resistance; leaders who were killed are fighting tooth and nail; and the interference of the United States is announced and denied three times a week. The only solid fact that one can ascertain is that the Spaniards are really prepared at last to grant some sort of reforms in the Government of the island. Whether the rebels will accept them or not is a matter of minor consequence. They will, at any rate, give the United States a decent excuse not to put their nose into that very ugly business.

The protest against the confirmation of the Bishop of London was, I take it, purely an innocent attempt at advertisement on the part of the protester. At any rate, it was sufficiently absurd in form to justify that presumption. Nevertheless, it cannot but strike the plain man as ridiculous that objectors should be summoned, and yet told, when they appear, that they cannot be heard. This extraordinary state of affairs is due to the Courts of Law which have insisted on exercising a jurisdiction which was never contemplated. It is to be hoped that Parliament will attend to the matter at once, and put an end to a state of things which brings both law and religion into odium and contempt.

By all accounts the London season this year is to be the most brilliant ever known, and one hears of houses in the West-end being let at double the rents that have usually been obtained. This is as it should be, for we all want to make the "Diamond Year" something that London, at least, will never forget. The only bitter in the cup is the condition of India, which, between plague and famine, is too terrible for words. We ought at least to take care that, in celebrating the great commemoration of her Majesty, we do not forget the awful straits to which some of the most faithful Asiatic peoples are now reduced. The best of all the schemes to celebrate the sixtieth year of her great and gracious reign is that which proposes to raise such a fund for the victims of famine as India has never seen before.

Most sincerely do I join my voice to that of my many colleagues in the press who have protested against the sentence passed by Mr. Justice Hawkins upon that unfortunate boy who, in a fight, had the bad luck to kill his companion. The fight was forced upon him; he does not appear to be of a quarrelsome disposition; and his master speaks of him in the highest terms. It is absurd to deal with a boy's fight as though it were a crime. Most boys are a great deal the better for having had one or two battles with their fellows, and it is mere hypocrisy to punish one of them because a particular fight had a disastrous result which no one ever expected.

Not for the world would I attempt to prejudice a case which is before the courts, but surely the attempt to show that an exhibition of "fat ladies" is a "noxious or offensive trade" must be a joke. The tenderest recollections of all of us who have reached middle life cluster round the fat women whom we used to see at the fair, and, personally, I used always to poke their arms to be sure that all the adipose tissue was genuine. If the exhibition in question is to be ruled indecent, what is to become of evening parties and presentations at Court?

WIDE AWAKE.

ALLEGED MURDER OF A SWEETHEART.

An inquest was held at Stone (Staffordshire) yesterday on Annie Hine, 30, domestic servant, who, it is alleged, was shot by her sweetheart, Henry Shingler, bootmaker (as reported on page 9).—Annie Jones, of Stafford, said deceased was her daughter by her former husband, who was a private tutor in the Imperial family of Russia. She last saw deceased, who was employed at Wolverhampton, a week previous to Christmas, when she called at witness's house and volunteered the information that she was about to be married, as witness understood, to a professor of music. Witness noticed her daughter's pregnancy, and, on being spoken to on the subject, deceased did not deny it.—Mrs. Shingler, mother of accused, deposed that deceased went to her house accompanied by her son on Christmas Eve. She had never seen her before, though she knew her name, as her son had kept up a correspondence with her for two years. Witness objected to Annie Hines remaining on the Monday, and objected to her sending out for spirits, but she never prepared to go. After deceased was confined accused said she must be taken care of until she could go away.—Dr. Chandler said deceased had a bullet wound on her right temple and an exit wound on the left temple. He was of opinion that she was shot whilst sleeping, the revolver being held close to her head.—The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Henry Shingler.

THE CAB TROUBLE.

Yesterday, the 16th week's strike pay was distributed by the officials of the London Cabdrivers' Union to the 400 cabdrivers who are still out on strike; £450 was poid at the rate of £1 per week per man and a small allowance for the children. The committee appointed by the joint conference of cab proprietors and cabdrivers sat for the purpose of making the final arrangements for the deputation to be received by the metropolitan members of Parliament at the House of Commons next week with reference to the petition to be presented to Parliament praying for the abolition of the railway privilege cab system.

FELL EIGHTY FEET.

Yesterday, Mr. Hilleary, coroner for W. Ham, received information of another shocking fatality in the docks. Henry Price, of Kelly-rd., East Ham, whilst working on the Mogul, fell from the derrick into the hold, a distance of over 80ft., and was killed instantaneously. This makes the 4th fatal accident during the week.

CYCLIST KILLED.

The Rev. G. B. Ritchings-Bousfield, B.A., of Portsdown-rd., Maida Vale, was riding along Edgware-rd., yesterday, when his bicycle skidded owing to the slippery condition of the wood paving, and he fell sideways, the wheels of a passing omnibus, which could not be pulled up in time, passing over one of his legs. He was taken to the Nursing Institute, Maida Vale, where it became necessary to perform amputation owing to the shocking injury to the limb, but he succumbed to the operation. Deceased, who was between 60 and 70, was well-known by residents of Kilburn and neighbourhood.

SUPPOSED INCENDIARISM.

Early yesterday morning a fire, apparently the work of an incendiary, occurred at a printer's establishment at Hove, Brighton. It appears that some men who were on night work discovered flames issuing from the engine-house, and on rushing towards the fire state they saw a man disappear over the wall at the rear. Sacks of straw had been set alight by some one, and a reward has been issued for his discovery.

SLANDERING MR. RHODES.

Mr. Anderson, chairman of Mr. Rhodes's Cape Town Reception Committee, publicly denies Mr. Merriman's endorsement, at the meeting at Stellenbosch, of the statement that the ex-Cape Premier financed his own receptions. He declares that neither Mr. Rhodes nor the Chartered Co. gave a single shilling to the fund, which was wholly raised by business and professional men at Cape Town. There is talk of a possible public meeting, to which both Mr. Rhodes and his traducers would be invited, and the latter asked to prove their statements. Emissaries are going about the colony stirring up the Dutch against Mr. Rhodes and the English, and their presence at a recent meeting lends colour to the belief.

MR. MERRIMAN REPUDIATES.

Yesterday a Reuter's telegram from Cape Town stated that Mr. Merriman, in a letter to the "Cape Times," repudiates all responsibility for the statement that the reception accorded to Mr. Rhodes was financed by that gentleman himself. Mr. Merriman declares that, when endorsing the utterances of the speakers at the Stellenbosch meeting, he ignored the statement made regarding the payment of Rhodesian troopers.

SHOCKING FATALITY.

Yesterday information was forwarded to Dr. Thomas of the death in the Royal Free Hospital of Fredk. Ascott, 36, who resided at 12, The Grove, Crouch End. It appears that deceased, a shunter, in the employ of the G.N. Railway Co., was yesterday morning engaged at the East Goods Yard, Holloway, and in crossing the metals he was knocked down by a passing train. On being picked up and being taken to the hospital it was found that he had received severe and extensive injuries to both his legs, necessitating both limbs being at once amputated. The operation was performed in a successful manner, and deceased seemed to rally, but afterwards he was taken with a relapse, and sank and died some 7 hours after admission from shock and exhaustion consequent on the injuries received.

KENT ASSIZES.

Justice Mathew will preside at the Winter Assizes for the county of Kent to be held at Maidstone during the coming week. The calendar contains the names of 14 persons, and includes 3 charges of murder, 3 of concealment of birth, 3 of arson, 3 of sacrilege, 1 of burglary, and 1 of perjury.

Yesterday a new home for sandwich men was opened by the Bessbrook Institution in Orde Hall-st., Bloomsbury.

LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

HOME.

At Cambridge University, Mr. Jas. Ward, Trinity College, was elected to the recently established Professorship of Mental Philosophy and Logic.

The tyre workers locked out at Coventry marched in procession through the streets, obtaining subscriptions en route. There was no disturbance.

George Bennett, a cripple, was remanded at Shields on a charge of causing the death of his wife by striking her on the head with a poker on Dec. 14.

Charles Widdows was committed for 2 months, at Coventry, for embezzling £2 belonging to his employer, Fredk. Pool, grocer. Prisoner collected 3 accounts, but failed to hand the money over.

An offer by employers to increase the wages of the plumbers on strike at Leigh, from 8d. to 8½d. per hour, has been rejected, the workers desiring 9d., which they contend is the standard rate.

George Souter, landlord of the Glass Makers' Arms, Southwick, was charged at Sunderland with permitting drunkenness. He had himself served a lad aged 17 with 8 glasses of beer successively. Fined 40s. and costs.

Smoke was observed issuing from the rear of the Theatre Royal, Barnsley. The fire brigade was summoned and an entry effected. The upper bar was found in flames, but the fire was put out before serious damage was done.

At Cliffe, near Rochester, yesterday, a little boy, son of Mr. J. Bright, farmer, obtained possession of a loaded gun, and in handling it shot his brother Ernest, about 10, who died soon after.

It was ascertained yesterday that the officers' mess of the 2nd East Lancashire Regt. and Capt. Anderson's quarters at Aldershot had been broken into and jewellery and other valuables stolen.

John Dykes, 66, of Huntley Brook, Bury, was fined 20s. and costs for cruelty to a horse in a heavy coal cart. The animal had several lacerated suppurating wounds underneath the saddle, and over the wounds was a cloth saturated with blood.

FOREIGN.

A rumour is current in Madrid that a marriage has been arranged between the Princess of the Asturias and the Italian Prince, the Count of Turin.

The Bulgarian Court of Appeal has granted the petition of Tufektchieff, who was condemned to 3 years' imprisonment for complicity in the murder of M. Stambuloff, to be set at liberty on bail of 25,000f.—REUTER.

During the funeral of Prince Albert of Waldeck-Pyrmont the villa of deceased at Cleves caught fire, and was entirely burned down. The inmates, including the widowed princess, had a very narrow escape.—REUTER.

Col. Waters, the British Military Attaché, who is travelling through Siberia to Vladivostok, has left Irkutsk for Kiakhta. He is still suffering from pains in the back, due to his recent accident on the railway.

At Vienna Assize Court yesterday, the mechanic Fock, who has been under trial for the bomb outrage of Aug. 1 last in the workshop of the locksmith Basch, in which an apprentice of the latter was killed, was sentenced to death. Frau Basch, who was suspected of carrying on an intrigue with Fock, was acquitted.

A movement of some importance is reported among the Dervishes between the Rivers Takazze and Gasch to the south of Kassala. Gen. Vigano, who is discharging the functions of governor in the absence of Gen. Baldissera, has ordered a concentration of troops round Agordat.

The Minister of the French Interior will shortly lay before the Chamber a bill completing the enactments concerning the residence of foreigners in France. Foreigners will not only be obliged to obtain a certificate of residence, but also to have this certificate vised when they change their place of residence.—REUTER.

FEVER IN LONDON.

The returns of the managers of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, issued last evening, show that during Friday 42 cases of fever were admitted to the several district hospitals from various parts of the metropolis, viz., scarlet 26, diphtheria 16. There are now 4,312 patients under treatment. Of these 3,519 are suffering from scarlet fever, 686 from diphtheria, and 107 from enteric fever. At the hospital ship Atlas, Long Reach, there are 3 cases of small-pox.

THE WEATHER.

During the last few days the weather in London has become much colder. The wind yesterday veered round to the east, and last evening there was a fall of snow, the downfall in some districts being rather heavy. Traffic was carried on with difficulty, and owing to the slippery state of the streets numerous accidents are reported.

SCENE AT BOW CHURCH.

The confirmation of the Bishop of London took place this week at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. The proceedings, which were of the usual formal character, were interrupted by a man named Kensit, who rose in the body of the church when opposers were called upon to appear, and read a protest against the appointment of Dr. Creighton on several grounds, the foremost of which was the desire of the Bishop "to undo the work of our glorious Reformation." The Vicar-General said he could not listen to the protest, and proceeded with the ceremony while it was being read.

Several Niger Coast officers left Euston for Liverpool last night in connection with the punitive expedition.

Mr. Archibald Graham, superintendent of the Royal Gardens, Hampton Court, has resigned, and is succeeded by Mr. Gardiner, superintendent of the gardens at Greenwich Park.

St. Michael's Church, Beckenham, was broken into yesterday and money, clothing, and other property stolen. This is the 4th occurrence of the kind in a week.

Last night, at the Marlborough Rooms, Regent-st., W., the students of the Regent-st. Polytechnic Typographic Classes held their 5th annual conversazione, when there was a large gathering. During the course of the evening prizes and certificates were distributed to the successful students by Mr. A. Powell, of the "Printers' Register."

QUEEN'S HALL CONCERTS.

Those who had the temerity to venture out and find their way to the Queen's Hall last night through the driving snow and biting blast were well repaid for their courage, for as usual an interesting programme was provided for the delectation of the promenaders. The quality of these Saturday night concerts is now a matter beyond dispute, and be the weather however unpropitious there is always a large audience assembled to enjoy the good things set before them by Mr. H. J. Wood and his splendid orchestra. There were two novelties presented last night, the first a suite for orchestra, "Ballet Airs from the Operas of Gluck," arranged by Herr Felix Mottl, the famous conductor. The suite, which was warmly received, includes the dance music of the Happy Spirits from "Orpheus," most delicately orchestrated by Mottl, and the dainty Musette from "Armida." While preserving to the full the individuality of Gluck and avoiding anything in the nature of over-elaboration, the adapter has invested the score with his fine musicianship and has brought Gluck excerpts together in a form eminently attractive. The other work marked "first time" was "Scene des Bacchanales," by Ernest Ford, a reproduction for concert use of some of his deservedly popular ballet music. The composition, bright, melodious, and scored with much charm, was capitally rendered under Mr. Wood, and at the close Mr. Ford was called to the platform and most heartily commended by the enthusiastic audience. Excerpts from Gounod's "Polyeucte" was another effort which met with much favour, the bizarre effect gained by the blending of Pagan and Christian strains evidently taking the fancy of the audience. The "Flying Dutchman" overture and some of Dvorak's Slavonic Dances were also played with all possible effect by the orchestra. Madame Belle Cole and Mr. Herwin Jones were the vocalists, Mr. Arthur Payne (violin) and Mr. Ould ('cello) the instrumental soloists, Mr. Howard Reynolds (cornet) being indisposed.—In the afternoon the Queen's Hall Choral Society repeated their really magnificent rendering of Saint Saëns' "Samson and Delilah" before a large audience, the reception of the previous performance having encouraged Mr. Newman to venture upon a second one. The principal soloists were the same as before, with this exception, that Mr. Watkin Mills replaced Mr. Andrew Black as the Priest. We have so recently dealt with the work that it will suffice now to say that the performance was a triumph for all concerned.—There seems no end to the enterprise at the Queen's Hall. Sunday Afternoon Orchestral and Sunday Evening Chamber Concerts now keep the music of the week unbroken, and in a fortnight's time Saturday Afternoon Symphony Concerts are promised, while on March 24 commences the orchestral festival series by M. Lamoureux and his famous instrumentalists.

GIRL'S SAD PLIGHT.

The depositions were completed yesterday against Lucy Hanmore, who stands committed for trial at the Kent Assizes for alleged concealment of birth at Rusthall Common, near Tunbridge Wells. The girl was taken ill at the house of a friend and was accompanied part of the way home, but it is alleged that instead of going home wandered about the common until she gave birth to a child whose dead body was afterwards found in the common pond. When she was found, her stockings and shoes were frozen to her feet and had to be cut off.

MISHAP TO THE MAJESTIC.

A compartment under the tiller flat of the battleship Majestic, flagship of the Channel Fleet, now at Portsmouth, was discovered to be half full of water. It was pumped out and the watertight doors closed. As the water continued to come in at the rate of about a ton an hour, it was evident there was a leak. Yesterday the ship was placed in dry dock, and an examination made as to the whereabouts of the leak. The Majestic has just had her bottom re-painted and overhauled, but nothing wrong was discovered when she was last in dock. She was all ready for sea, and was to leave for Portland on Thursday. It is stated that the leak in the Majestic is attributed to damage to a plate caused by one of the struts used in supporting the ship while in dock. Repairs will detain the vessel for 2 days.

FOR LIFE.

At Dundee yesterday, Alex. Gow, 53, shoemaker, was indicted for attempting to murder Amelia Fairley. The couple had cohabited for 14 months, and there were frequent quarrels caused by prisoner's suspicions regarding the woman's constancy. Fairley left Gow on several occasions, and on Oct. 10, when, at prisoner's earnest request, she returned to live with him, he brutally attacked her and hacked her about the head and throat with a knife used in his trade. Fairley became unconscious from loss of blood, and Gow, after wrapping her in bed clothes, laid her on the floor and sat gloating over what he had done, declaring he had accomplished his purpose. Prisoner some time afterwards attempted suicide, but inflicted only a few superficial wounds, and then went to the police and said Fairley attempted to murder him. The judge said the crime was the most brutal and atrocious he had ever known, and passed sentence of penal servitude for life.

PETROLEUM SHIP BLOWN UP.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE CREW.

Particulars have been received at Dunkirk of the total loss of the Italian ship Elena G., Captain Garibaldi. The vessel was on a passage from Philadelphia, with a cargo of 4,548 barrels of petroleum, for Blaye, near Bordeaux. The vessel took fire while anchored off Larcque, in the Department Gironde, and blew up with a terrific report. The crew had a very narrow escape, and 4 men were severely burned and otherwise injured. The injured men included the 1st mate (Castelo), also 2 sailors, and a customs' officer who was on board. There was considerable danger to shipping in the vicinity owing to blazing oil floating about. The vessel burnt out and sank.

With the object of raising funds to provide free meals for the poor children of Camberwell, the scholars of the Bellenden-rd. Higher Standard School gave a miscellaneous concert yesterday afternoon at the Surrey Masonic Hall. The proceedings proved very successful.

THE VOLUNTEERS YESTERDAY.

At the headquarters of the 22nd Middlesex Rifles in Gray's Inn-rd., a regimental concert was given under the direction of Mr. Lavers, Sergt. Rigby occupying the chair, while the general arrangements were carried out by Colr.-sergt J. R. Mather, hon. sec.

At the headquarters of the 1st Middlesex (Victoria and St. George's) Rifles the annual dinner and distribution of prizes to members of C Co. took place, the chair being occupied by Capt. W. M. Tanqueray, and the vice-chair by Colr.-sergt. F. Hoeber. The guests included Maj.-gen. J. B. Sterling (who distributed the prizes), Majors Bird and Ococks, Lieut. Sutton (regimental adjutant Coldstream Guards and Brigade-major N. London Brigade), &c. A most satisfactory report was rendered during the after dinner proceedings by Capt. Tanqueray, from which it appeared that the efficients of the company at the end of the official year was 101, and in musketry the figure of merit was 187.45. The company was the best shooting one in the corps (for the second year in succession), and also in the N. London Brigade. The leading winners of prizes for shooting in the first series were Pte. Bartlett, Corpl. Davies, and Pte. Thornton, and in the second series, Corpl. E. Edwards, Corpl. Chambers, and Ptes. Guy and Weaver. The "Eves" Cup was won by Pte. J. T. Bartlett, and the "Lawrence" efficiency prizes by Corpl. Johnson, Pte. Barnes, Corpl. Davies, and Ptes. Guy, Weaver, and E. Smith. Maj. Ococks was presented with a testimonial in the shape of a massive silver tea tray, in acknowledgment of his services to the company, which he had commanded for 15 years, upon his attaining field officer's rank. The various toasts were interspersed with some excellent musical contributions.

At Westminster Town Hall the members of F (Broadwood's) Co. of the 13th Middlesex (Queen's Westminster) Rifles, commanded by Maj. George Rose, gave their annual Cinderella dance, which was numerously attended, the general arrangements being carried out by Colr.-sergt. Barnes and Sergt. London.

At the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-st., the annual dinner of the sergeants of the 3rd Middlesex Artillery, of which corps the Duke of York is hon. colonel, was held, the chair being occupied by Sergt.-maj. Bennet, and the vice-chair by Sergt.-maj. Logsdon. About 90 sat down, and among the principal guests were Lieut.-col. Grenville-Grey (commanding officer), Maj. Hoskier, Maj. Buckland, Surg. Lieut.-col. Cook, Capt. Prinsep, R.A. (late adjutant), and Lieut. Probyn, R.A. (present adjutant). An excellent musical programme was disposed of, and the stewards, with Sergt. G. R. Brown, as hon. sec., efficiently carried out the arrangements.

The annual dinner of C (Waterlow and Sons) Co., 2nd London Rifles, took place at the Old Swan's Nest Hotel, Moorgate-st., Capt. Warren presiding, and Colr.-sergt. Fort occupying the vice-chair, supported by a number of officers of the corps. An excellent report was rendered in respect of the past year, the strength of the company being 100, all of whom were efficient, and they had won the commanding officer's challenge cup and £10 (second year in succession) for being the most efficient company in the battalion. The best marksman in the company is Colr.-sergt. Fort. During the evening a good musical entertainment was given.

The prizes won during 1896 by members of G Co. of the 13th Middlesex (Queen's Westminster) Rifles were distributed at the headquarters in James-st., the ceremony being preceded by the annual company dinner, at which Hon. Maj. Stephenson presided, supported by Col. Comerford, Lieut.-col. Trollope, Maj. Twisaday, and other officers. The after dinner proceedings consisted of the annual statement by the officer commanding the company, the distribution, a series of toasts, and a musical programme. The leading prize winners were Pte. W. S. Brown, Colr.-sergt. Blackmore (best marksman in the company, with an aggregate of 159 points), Sergt. Miller, Ptes. Freaker, Seward, James, Franklin, Crisp, Schneidau, Kidman, T. Hill, Massey, and E. K. King, Lce.-corpl. Hill, and Sergt. Revington.

Cinderella dances were given by the members of the 2nd Middlesex Artillery at Freemasons' Tavern, by members of No. 4 Co. of the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps at the headquarters in Calthorpe-st., and by members of D Co. of the 5th (West) Middlesex Rifles at the Eyre Arms Assembly Rooms, St. John's Wood.

At the headquarters of the 7th Middlesex (London Scottish) Rifles the annual dinner of the sergeants took place.

BILLIARDS.

JOHN ROBERTS v. J. MACK.

At the Egyptian Hall these professionals contested a spot-barred match of 12,000 up, Mack, a comparatively new player to the metropolis, but coming from the north with a big reputation, receiving 5,000 start in 12,000 up. Roberts hardly performed so consistently as usual in the early stages, and Mack, playing very well, more than held his own. When play ceased last evening, the total had been advanced to 10,849 against 9,331 in favour of Mack. On continuing in the afternoon both players proved to be in good form. At the outset Mack did best with 163, 117, and 40, against 128 and 46 by Roberts. The latter subsequently gave a splendid exhibition. He in quick succession knocked up 471, 170, 155, 120, and 103, while Mack put on 60 and 40. At the interval the totals were—Mack (to play), 11,231; Roberts, 10,657. Resuming in the evening Roberts made a 52 and Mack a beautiful 167 (73 cannons). At 9 o'clock the scores stood at—Mack (receives 5,000), 11,428; Roberts (in play), 10,720. Subsequently Roberts made 85, 42, 265, a superb 538, 109, and 126 unfinished, eventually running out a winner by 235 points. Mack's best runs were 35, 31, 92, and 31, and the final scores were—Roberts, 12,000; Mack, 11,765.

CHARLES DAWSON v. W. SPILLER.

The spot-barred tournament at the Dean-st. Hall, Soho, was advanced another stage by the completion of seventh heat yesterday—that in which Dawson conceded Spiller a start of 2,000 in 18,000 up. Throughout the contest, which extended over a fortnight, Dawson completely outplayed his opponent, and by last night had victory well in hand with 16,501 against 10,964. On resuming in the afternoon both played exceedingly well, Dawson making 95, a splendid 336, 104, 71, and 58, against 145, 220, 97, and 108, before leaving off at the interval with 85 unfinished at 17,250 against 11,598. At night the leader made his incomplete run into 185, and followed on with 92, and at 9 o'clock the record stood—Dawson, 17,432; Spiller, 11,692. Later on Dawson made 97, 94, 115, and an incomplete 185, and Spiller responded with 81, 119, before the former ran out a winner by 6,017 points. The final scores were—Dawson, 18,000; Spiller, 11,983.

TOM STUART'S HANDICAP.

The 1st round of this event, which is one of 300 up, spot-barred, was completed at the Green Dragon, Fleet-street, yesterday, when Mr. R. Kirby (155) beat Mr. Collis (140) by 81 points, and Dr. Ferguson (100) beat Mr. Lurton (205) by 13, Messrs. J. Fountain and Willis having a walk-over. The draw for the second round, which commences on Tuesday, is appended: Kirby, jun. (155) v. Mackenzie (205), J. Gibson (175) v. W. Sears (180), Fountain (210) v. T. MacNeil (165), A. Austin (50) v. H. Argyll (115), E. Farrow (80) v. T. Green (215), Weston (140) v. Hornsey (190), J. Netton (230) v. A. Marsh (190), Wills (150) v. C. Angle (155), S. Dixon (180) v. J. Buckley (215), T. Manders (205) v. Dr. Ferguson (100), C. Dixon (175) v. MacRoberts (190), C. Smith (120) v. A. Woodward (45).

Yesterday, at East Molesey Cemetery, the funeral took place of 3 children of Thomas Murray, East Molesey, who were suffocated in the absence of their parents. There was a large attendance.

YESTERDAY'S SPORTING

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CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS.

Lewisham Hare and Hounds.—This club's fixture was a long-distance training run, in which over a score of members took part. Two packs were formed, J. Gill paced the slows and George Hoare the fasts. The course was in the direction of Bromley, Hayes, and Addington. In all about 8 miles of good country was covered. The junior division held a paperchase in the vicinity of Ladywell, which was also well patronised.

Thames H. and H.—This club's event was a competition for the short-distance challenge cup over the 4½ miles course at Roehampton. J. B. Rye, the holder of the cup, was an absentee, and the race resolved itself into a match between A. L. Rye and E. D. Dixon. Rye broke down just before reaching the half-distance, and Dixon was left to finish alone.

Surrey Beagles v. Shaftesbury H.—This inter-club contest resulted in a victory for the Beagles, who scored 20 points against 40 points scored by their opponents. The first man home was E. B. Tennion. F. J. Cox being second, and J. Langford third.

Archway H.—This club's fixture consisted of a 7 miles' handicap, which was decided with the following result:—W. Allen, scratch (time 41min 35sec), 1; T. Goffe, 1min 55sec start (handicap time, 41min 50sec; net time, 43min 45sec), 2; R. Cobbing, 7min 50sec (43min; 50min 50sec), 3.

Loraine H.—Paced by J. H. Wells, a dozen members went over a 7 miles course, A. Mitchell being the first man home.

Highgate H.—This club decided a 6 miles handicap from their Essex headquarters at Waltham Abbey. Twenty-two started out of an entry of 24. The result was as follows:—G. Tuck, 2min 40sec start, 1; F. S. Cleveley, 1min 50sec, 2; C. Saville, 3min 40sec, 3; T. H. Bull, 1min 10sec, 4. The prize for the fastest loser was secured by Percy Biss, scratch, whose time was 38min 15sec.

Finchley H.—These southern champions held a drag-hunt over about 10 miles. Starting from their new headquarters, the Spotted Dog, Neasden, a line was struck to the Welsh Harp and Edgware, where a turn was made for home, the line running through Wembley to Kingsbury Church. F. H. Montagu was drag; W. S. Montagu, huntsman; and J. Dufferin and G. Buck, whips. About 30 took part in the run.

North London Harriers and Virtue's A.C.—These clubs held a combined run of 5 miles at Hampstead, paced by A. Blackburn. G. Pool was first home.

Cavendish H.—A large pack turned out for a long distance training at Willesden. No racing took place.

Montagu Harriers.—E. Lee paced a good muster over 5 miles at Hendon.

Hampton H.—The 8 miles sealed steeplechase handicap and scratch race was decided at Hampton, with the following results:—Handicap: H. Galley, 6min 30sec start, 1; F. Nicholson, 1min 20sec, 2; S. Wright, 1min 25sec, 3. Time, 46min 5sec. Scratch race: G. Hoare, 1; C. Ings, 2; H. Ackary, 3. Hoare's time was 46min 50sec.

Herne Hill H.—C. Otway paced the members of this club over a 10 miles course in the vicinity of Streatham.

Brighton and County H.—These harriers held their second competition for the Loder Challenge Cup, a 5 mile yacht handicap. Result: A. Davis (4min 5sec), handicap time 28min 40sec, 1; F. Tobutt (4min), time 28min 45sec, 2; C. Winterborne (scratch), time 29min 6sec, 3; P. Eager (1min 50sec), time 29min 35sec, 4.

Polytechnic H.—Seven miles steeplechase. Result: F. A. Cubbage, 1 min 20sec start, 1; E. G. Parker, 1min 45sec, 2; J. Sindell, 4min 25sec, 3; A. G. Catchpole, 3min 30sec, 4; G. H. Lee, 30sec, 5. Dermott finished 8th from scratch. He would have been much closer, but, unfortunately, on several occasions lost the trail.

South London H.—This club held a 7 miles run at South Croydon. The old Oxford Blue finished first, and amongst those taking part were: E. F. Moates, J. P. Arkell, S. A. Musson, P. Titley, E. Titley, A. S. Turk, J. J. Cooper, T. Lander, W. C. A. Landon, E. J. Willcocks, A. Slade. An excellent trail was laid by S. Lanyon and W. H. Brooker.

Blackheath H.—Two packs followed a trail laid by Messrs. Tom Crafter and E. F. Nicholls (B.H.) and J. G. Gibb (Ranelagh) over the 10 mile course leading through Morden College Grounds to Mottingham and Eltham, thence round Shooter's Hill to the Heath. The fast pack conceded the slow 7min start, and caught them. Slow pack: S. T. Pugh, R. J. Wilson, J. Metcalf, A. Metcalf, H. M. Simpson, and E. Ratcliff. Fast pack: W. G. Suffield, T. C. Davis, H. C. Burrows, H. Bull, H. R. Hopper, and P. Plumstead.

Morden H.—Ten members went for a spin of about 11 miles over the Shooters Hill and Eltham country. Two packs were formed, the slows going out under G. Bedford's guidance, and the fast being paced by C. Waller.

Cambridge H.—This club held an 8 miles steeplechase for the club championship, and incorporated a sealed handicap with same, over a course leading through Morden College Grounds to Eltham and Kidbrook. Twenty entries were received, but only 12 men turned out. In the scratch race, E. Hammond finished first, with J. Lamb and H. Finch second and third. The handicap resulted as follows:—W. Squires, 6min 20sec start, 1; J. Cottrell, 2min 20sec, 2; J. Lamb, 1min 20sec, 3. The winner's nett time was 52min 58sec, and Hammond's, 52min 40sec. A. F. Burroughs, the scratch man, could get no nearer than fifth in the scratch race.

Tee-To-Tum A.C.—Two packs, numbering altogether 30 members, took part in a long distance training run over the 9 mile course selected for next Saturday's race. T. G. Mackay and W. B. Holmes paced.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

LONDON LEAGUE—DIVISION ONE.

At Ilford, 3rd Grenadier Guards, 1 goal, beat Ilford, 0.

LONDON LEAGUE—DIVISION TWO.

At West Kilburn, Queen's Park Rangers, 2 goals, beat Bromley, 1.

At Chiswick, Hammersmith, 2 goals, beat West Croydon, 0.

MIDDLESEX CUP.

At Hounslow, Royal Scots Greys drew with Uxbridge, nothing scored.

At Hornsey, London Welsh, 3 goals, beat Fulham, 1.

At Acton, Ealing, 2 goals, beat Stanley, 1.

At Wood Green, Crouch End, 3 goals, beat Old St. Stephen's, 0.

At Harrow, Civil Service, 4 goals beat Harrow, 3.

SURREY SENIOR CUP.

At Honor Oak, Guy's Hospital, 4 goals, beat Kenley, 0. At Barnes, Barnes, 2 goals, beat Old Wilsonians, 1 goal. At Reigate, Reigate Priory, 2 goals, beat Guildford, 1 goal.

SWIMMING.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (as President) has fixed Saturday, Jan. 30, for the annual presentation of challenge trophies won by the clubs affiliated to the City of London S. and A.C. Associations in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House at 2 p.m.

St. George's S.C.—The 150 Yards Handicap resulted as follows:—C. J. Martin, 15sec start, 1; R. Watts, 18sec, 2; T. E. Wallis, scratch, 3. Won by a yard.

Alert S.C.—A plate-diving competition formed this club's fixture. Result:—T. E. Silvester, 18 plates, 1; T. Godfrey, 16, 2; R. Smith, 12, 3. 18 competed.

Manor S.C.—E. George, 15sec start, won this club's 100 Yards Handicap, T. Evans (7sec) being second, and R. Jenkins (6sec) third. Won by a yard.

CYCLING.

LADIES' INTERNATIONAL RACE.

Another 6 days' competition for ladies was at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster. In the English Section Miss Harwood was unable to compete after the first day, and Miss Andersen lost all chance of being prominent in the race owing to a failure with her machines in the earlier part of the week. The last-named, however, did some useful work later by pacing Blackburn and Farrar. For the first few days racing was very keen, but, by some grand riding, on the part of Blackburn and Farrar on Wednesday, these riders established a substantial lead of over 4 miles. On Friday and Saturday exhibition rides were given by Mlle. Lisette (French champion) and Albert Champion (holder of the German champion belt), when some speedy cycling was witnessed. There was a big attendance yesterday when Section A started on their semi-final ride of 90 minutes, the scores at the end of this ride being:—Blackburn, 356 miles 4 laps; Farrar, 356 miles 2 laps; Andersen, [illegible] miles 4 laps; Gavett, 122 miles 3 laps. Section B's semi-final ride:—Egiee, 341 miles 7 laps; Marcelle, 341 miles 7 laps; Deverneul, 340 miles 1 lap; Beany, 330 miles 3 laps; Gilberte, 321 miles 9 laps. Twenty miles race—Mlle. Lisette v. Albert Champion: The latter went away from the start, and won easily by over 2 miles. Time, 52min 47 3-5sec. Lisette's time, 59min 38½sec. Both these performances are records for the track. The final scores and positions in the 6 days' contest were as follows:—Blackburn, 379 miles 3 laps, 1; Farrar, 379 miles 1 lap, 2; Marcelle Vautro, 364 miles, 3; Egiee, 366 miles, 4; Severneul, 362 miles 4 laps, 5; Beany Vautro, 354 miles 9 laps, 6; Gilberte, 344 miles 2 laps; Anderson, 271 miles 9 laps; Gavett, 203 miles 1 lap. Twenty miles handicap.—Mlle. Lisette (2 miles start) v. Albert Champion (scratch). The latter won this event by nearly 2 laps. Time, 55min 59 1-5sec.

LACROSSE.

Woodford beat Croydon by 6 goals to 0. West London beat Blackheath by 14 to 1. Barnet (2nd) beat West Herts by 2 to 1. Clapham beat Hampstead (2nd) in a friendly game by 20 to 0, but Hampstead scratched in the cup competition. Croydon (2nd) scratched to Clapham (2nd) in the Shield competition. Surbiton beat Snaresbrook by 6 to 5. London County beat Woodford (2nd) by 9 to 2 in the cup match. Snaresbrook (2nd) scratched to Highgate in a divisional match.

HOCKEY.

Ilford Park beat Royal Observatory by 3 goals to 0.—Surbiton beat West Kent by 13 to 1.—Surbiton (3rd) beat Tulse Hill (3rd) by 12 to 0.—Finchley beat Hampstead by 2 to 1. Croydon beat Grecians by 4 to 2.—Croydon (3rd) beat Cricklewood by 3 to 0.—Bromley (2nd) beat Molesey (2nd) by 5 to 2.—Surbiton (2nd) beat West Kent (2nd) by 8 to 1.—Putney and Richmond (2nd) beat Ealing (2nd) by 3 to 0.—Ealing beat Putney and Richmond by 4 to 0.—Bromley beat Molesey by 4 to 1.—Cheshunt beat Hounslow Garrison by 8 to 0.—Blackheath beat Waldegrave Park by 7 to 2.—Willesden beat Tulse Hill by 3 to 0.—Tulse Hill (2nd) beat Willesden (2nd) by 5 to 3.—Hawks beat Hampton Wick by 2 to 1.—Hampton Wick (2nd) beat Hawks (2nd) by 7 to 1.—Finchley beat Hampstead by 2 to 1.—Ilford Park (2nd) beat Army Service Corps by 7 to 0.—Staines beat Kensington Park by 3 to 1.—Hampstead (2nd) beat Finchley (2nd) by 16 to 3.—Staines (2nd) beat Kensington Park (2nd) by 3 to 1.—Crystal Palace beat Wimbledon (3rd) by 4 to 3.—East Sheen (2nd) beat Southgate (2nd) by 2 to 0.—Shuttleworth beat Southgate (3rd) by 3 to 2.

GOLF.

Neasden Club's Monthly Medals.—Senior: R. Taubman, 8. Junior: C. Monsell, 83 net.—Disley Club's Competition: J. D. Milne, 88 net.—West Middlesex Club's Monthy Medals.—Silver: A. A. Cammell, 82 net. Bronze: A. A. Houlder, 87 net.—East Finchley Club's Medals.—Gold: J. L. Corser, 85 net. Silver: R. R. O'Hara, 95 net.—Epsom Club's Monthy Medal: S. D. Tait, 87 net.—Mid-Surrey Club's Monthly Medal "Bogey" Competitions.—Senior: T. A. Evans, 4 down. Junior: E. Woodthorpe and E. Barratt Smith tied, each 2 down.—Rochester Club's Monthly Medal.—G. K. Anderson, 92 net.—Ranelagh Club's Bradshaw Gold Medal: Sir W. Russell and W. P. Wincott tied, each 2 down.—Eltham Club's Monthly Medal: E. Anderson, 77 net.—Tooting Bec Club's "Bogey" Competition: G. B. Concanon, 2 down.—Finchley Club's Monthly Medal and Captain's Prize: A. F. Drew, 86 net.—Royal Epping Forest Club's Quarterly Challenge Medal: J. D. Geddes, 88 net. Quarterly Silver Medal: A. C. S. Stone, 91 net.—Surbiton Club's Competition for Mr. Percy Cavell's Challenge Cup: G. Brann, 77 net.—Wembley Club's "Bogey" Competition: J. S. Wilkinson, 6 down.—Muswell Hill Club's Quarterly Medals.—First Class: A. McGregor, 81 net. Second Class: R. E. James, 82 net.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

At the Gun Club, Notting Hill, the chief event was a £3 handicap sweepstakes, with £20 New Year's Cup, or specie added, which was contended for by 25 shooters. On the termination of the 4th round a division of the pool of £95 was effected, the recipients being Mr. Dempsey (29 yards rise), and Mr. St. James (22). Next followed a £3 sweepstakes at 27 yards rise, to which 23 marksmen subscribed, the proceeds of which (£69) were divided by Mr. Heywood and Mr. Munroe, each of whom killed 6 birds. A £2 handicap ended in a division of £38 between Mr. H. P. Wingrove (30) and the Hon. F. Thellusson (25), after they had each scored 8 kills.

ROWING.

CAMBRIDGE, Saturday.—Although the President, Mr. A. S. Bell, has not yet come into residence practice has been in progress during the week for the great annual encounter against Oxford. The crew made their initial appearance on Tuesday with the following:—C. E. Campbell Muir, Trinity Hall, bow; C. R. Pattison Muir, Caius; R. B. Etherington Smith, First Trinity; G. A. Crane, First Trinity; S. V. Pearson, Emmanuel; B. H. Howell, Trinity Hall; W. A. Bieber, Trinity Hall; C. M. Steele, Trinity Hall, stroke; E. C. Hawkins, Caius, coxswain. They were accompanied by Mr. Trevor Jones. W. J. Fernie and W. Dudley Ward went out in a light pair, and if all goes well with them they will eventually row at stroke and seven respectively. It is definitely known that D. Pennington, who rowed at three last year, and E. J. D. Taylor, who was spare man, will not be able to row, and it is doubtful whether the Hon. R. Guinness will assist. Only 3 Old Blues, therefore, will render their services, so that there are no fewer than 5 thwarts to fill. Fortunately there is plenty of promising material to fall back upon, and this year's crew should ultimately prove a good combination. Cold and frosty weather prevailed to-day, and there was a capital attendance at the river-side, a large number of college eights being afloat preparing for the Lent races. The University crew rested, some of their men being absent from Cambridge.

BOXING.

BOXING AT THE EXCELSIOR HALL.

6st 10lb Open Competition. First Bouts: F. Stout (Stepney) beat A. Wheeler (St. Luke's), Jack Connolly (St. George's) beat H. Connell (King's Cross), F. Jones (Bermondsey) beat G. Harrison (Paddington), Bill Pincombe (Marylebone) beat Jack Condon (Haggerston). Second Bouts: Stout beat Connolly, Jones beat Pincombe. Final Bout: Stout beat Jones, after a heavy bout, knocking his man out in the second round.

6 Rounds Contest.—Patsy Welsh (Holborn) beat Charley Olds (Bermondsey), after a very even bout.

10 Rounds Contest.—Gus O'Malley (Holborn) beat Arthur Digby (Canning Town), winning in the first round.

6 Rounds Contest.—Jack Scales (Bethnal Green) beat Fred Greenbank (Hounslow), knocking his man out in the second round.

6 Rounds Contest.—Jack Fowler (Bethnal Green) beat Alf Mortimer (Bethnal Green) after a capital bout.

WHIPPET RACING.

HANDICAP AT TOTTENHAM HALE.

A 100 yards handicap at White Hart Grounds resulted as follows.—Second round (heat winners): Mr. Burley's Carlo, 14 yards; Mr. Greenhill's Teddy, 13½; Mr. Robinson's Peter, 9½; Mr. Scott's Rose, 16. Final: Rose, 1; Teddy, 2; Carlo, 3. Won on the post.

SURREY WHIPPET CLUB.

This club decided a handicap at Wimbledon. Result:—First round, winners of heats: Mr. Dickson's Spring, 15yds start; Mr. Cooper's Prince, 41yds; Mr. Smith's Suspender, 18yds; Mr. Coleman's Mustard, 35yds; Mr. J. Bennett's Boy Blue, 15yds; Mr. Coleman's Father Coleman, 9yds. Second round, winners of heats: Spring, Boy Blue. Final: Spring, 1; Boy Blue, 2.

CLUB DINNERS & CONCERTS.

THE FAWCETT CRICKET CLUB CONCERT.

This G.P.O. meeting was held at Mason's Hall Tavern, Mason's-avenue, E.C., and was largely attended. Chairman, Mr. Samuel Lovell, with a strong body of stewards. The artists were Messrs. Patmore, George, the Brothers Pratt, Brown, White, Brooks, Crane, Farenden, Fullerton, Bert Hope, Robinson, and the Male Voice Choir—leader, Mr. H. W. Brown.

THE NEWS BRANCH (G.P.O.) CONCERT.

This was held at the Raglan, Aldersgate-st., Mr. Inspector Rich in the chair, the occasion being virtually the rump steak supper of the extra-pay Christmas staff, of which Mr. Rich is the head. There was a capital sing-song to follow, and the principal singers were: Messrs. Goble, Mayland, Carter, Skegg, Finch, Fullerton, Talbot, Clifton, and Bishop, with Mr. W. T. H. Knight as pianist.

YESTERDAY'S LAW AND POLICE.

Chancery Division.

RIVAL MERCHANTS.

Justice Stirling had before him the case of Jacques and Others v. the North of England Tea Co. (Ltd.), of Mark-lane, E.C., Manchester, and Pendleton, at which places they and their predecessors had carried on the business since 1880, and they had registered certain trade marks for certain of their goods.—Plaintiffs alleged that the defendant company was incorporated in August last year with a capital of £1,000 in 200 shares of £5 each with the object of carrying on the business of tea and coffee dealers and provision merchants, and the action now was for an injunction to restrain defendants from trading under the name or style of the North of England Tea Co., and from infringing the plaintiffs' trade marks.—There was no defence.—Injunction granted, with costs.

"UNDER QUEENSBERRY RULES."

Justice North had before him an application on behalf of the plaintiff in the case of Seaward v. Paterson for a writ of attachment to issue against Paterson and 2 other persons, known as George, otherwise "Barney" Sheppard, and E. Murray, the first defendant for committing a breach of an injunction restraining him from carrying on boxing contests at the Queensberry Sports Club in Fetter-lane, Fleet-st., in such a manner as to cause a nuisance to the neighbours, and the other defendant for aiding and abetting Paterson in that breach. It was stated that the sounds of the blows, the shouts of encouragement, and loud applause were distinctly audible in the adjoining premises.—Case adjourned.

Queen's Bench Division.

A DIVING CONTRACT.

Justice Mathew had before him the case of the Royal Aquarium Society (Ltd.) v. Gore.—Plaintiff brought the action for an injunction to restrain defendant, Miss Alice Gore, lady swimmer and diver, from performing at a theatre in Newcastle, and for damages for breach of an agreement. It was stated that Miss Gore was exclusively engaged at the Aquarium to give swimming entertainments and dive for £1 a week. She asked plaintiffs to allow her to go to Newcastle, but they refused permission.—His lordship said that he did not think it was a case for an injunction, and suggested that the counsel might arrange the matter.—The parties thereupon agreed to judgment being entered for plaintiffs without costs.—His lordship, in entering judgment accordingly, said that it was quite necessary for people like defendant to understand there was a legal obligation to fulfil their contracts.—Plaintiffs' counsel said defendant had been paid considerably more than £1 a week, and was not called upon to take sensational dives.

THEATRICAL DISPUTE.

Justice Bruce had before him for the third time the case of Fenwicke v. Wyatt and Another.—This was an action, brought by Mrs. Fenwicke (known professionally as Miss Sylvia Gray), to recover from Mrs. Wyatt (known as Miss Violet Melnotte) and Mr. Horace Sedger salary due under an agreement in the production of the comic opera, "Baron Golosh."—The defence was that there was no partnership between defendants, and Miss Melnotte was not herself liable for the salaries of the artistes.—Mr. Sedger's defence was practically that the plaintiff agreed to rescind the agreement before her salary reached the amount claimed, and that afterwards she looked to Miss Melnotte to pay her.—The principal points in the case were whether there was a partnership between the defendants Wyatt and Sedger, and whether the plaintiff's contract was with Mrs. Wyatt or Mr. Sedger.—At the conclusion of the evidence, his lordship said it was a case of considerable hardship, and it was quite clear to him from the correspondence that Mrs. Wyatt acted for Mr. Sedger, and Mrs. Fenwicke knew this. As to the real question in the case—whether there was a partnership— he came to the conclusion that there was no evidence in support of this. Therefore, his judgment would be for defendant, Mrs. Wyatt, with costs, and against Mr. Sedger for the amount claimed, viz., £80, with costs.

Probate Court.

TWO MARRIAGES.

Before Justice Barnes and a special jury the case of Coke v. French and another came on for hearing, having reference to the testamentary dispositions of the late Wm. Sacherveil Coke, of Brookhill House, near Alfreton, and Kirkby Hall, Derbyshire, who died at the age of 90 last March. He was twice married. By his first wife, whom he married in 1837, he had 10 children, of whom 9 still survived. By his second wife, whom he married in 1870, when he was 64, and she only 22, he had 3 children, all of whom survived. A short time before his death the testator had been declared insane by a lunacy commissioner. The plaintiff in the suit was Col. Wm. Langton Coke, the eldest son by the deceased first wife, and he had been appointed commissioner of the estate. The question in dispute was as to whether deceased was of sound mind when he made his last will of June, 1895, under which the property was divided between his children by his first and second marriages. Before the case had proceeded far the parties came to terms, under which the will of 1892 was admitted to probate. It was stated that Col. Coke intended to make provision for the children of the second marriage.

Old Bailey.

(Before the Common Serjeant.)

SAVAGE ASSAULT.

Thomas Elliott was convicted of maliciously wounding James Judd, with intent to do him some grievous bodily harm.—Prosecutor was an old man, nearly 80 years old, and prisoner was living with his daughter, having left his own wife and family. There seemed to have been much ill-feeling between the parties, and on the day of the assault Judd, who occupies a railway arch at Rotherhithe, was sitting at a table, when prisoner entered, and, it was alleged, dragged him by the hair across the room and "bashed" him on the ground. The old man was seriously injured. For the defence evidence was called to support an alibi, but it failed.—Three years' penal servitude.

(Before Mr. Justice Hawkins.)

MANSLAUGHTER.

Edward Devaney pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of William Densumke, on Dec. 8.—Prisoner drove up in a trap to a club in Blackfriars-road on the night in question, and asked Densumke, a master builder in Lambeth, to mind the pony. The trap was driven away, and when prisoner returned he asked where it had gone, and knocked Densumke down. He struck his head on the curb, and fractured his skull, from the effects of which injury he died.—The judge said he did not believe the prisoner intended to injure Densumke.—Three months' hard labour.

HOLBORN FATALITY.

Edwin Carne was indicted for the manslaughter of Thomas Kelly.—Deceased, on the night of the 28th ult., was crossing Gray's Inn-rd. at the junction of Holborn, when he was knocked down by a cab driven by prisoner, who was turning from Holborn into Gray's Inn-rd. At the time prisoner was driving at a pace estimated at from 8 to 10 miles an hour. Deceased, who had sustained a severe fracture of his ribs, died within an hour of admission to hospital, and prisoner on the following morning was charged with drunkenness, but the case was dismissed.—The defence was that the occurrence was accidental, and in cross-examination it was elicited that the inspector declined to take a charge either of drunkenness or furious driving against the prisoner.—Acquitted.

Marylebone.

SARAH ANN IN TROUBLE.

Sarah Ann Baines, a grey-haired and infirm old woman, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Marylebone-rd. —P.C. 306 D said he found her lying across the pavement helplessly drunk and screaming. He conveyed her to the station on an ambulance.—Prisoner denied being drunk, and attributed her incapacity to stand to the fact that she was cold and tired.—The gaoler said this was the second time she had been charged with drunkenness this week.—Prisoner (sharply): Ah, your worship, it seems to me the bobby wants a little work and a little amusement.—Mr. Curtis Bennett: I don't think the police want to be kept up both day and night in order to bring you here; they want to get to bed I should think.—4s. or 4 days.

RAILWAY THEFTS.

John Spradbury, 22, Webber-st., Blackfriars, was charged with stealing an overcoat, worth £7, belonging to Sidney Croft, Sea Villa, Birkenhead; also with stealing a pair of gloves, handkerchief, and an overcoat, valued at £7 5s., belonging to Wm. Steel Tomkins, civil engineer, of Buckland-cres., Hampstead.—The evidence given was that on Jan. 5 Mr. Tomkins went to Waterloo Station and placed his coat and some small things in the carriage of a train about to start. He left the carriage for a couple of minutes, and on returning missed his property. Three days later Det. Johnson saw prisoner purloining Mr. Croft's coat in the Central Hall at Euston Station, and gave him into custody. On him were found gloves and a handkerchief, which formed part of the stolen property belonging to Mr. Tomkins. The police proved a previous conviction, in 1893, of 18 months' imprisonment for a similar robbery.—Committed for trial.

West London.

SERVANT AND THE FLOWER-SELLERS.

Two flower - sellers, named John Hooper and Andrew Kirby, both living in Nottingdale district, were charged with being concerned in stealing a sovereign.—Alice M. Lewis, a cook in service at 17, Sinclair-rd., West Kensington, said on Monday Hooper came to the lower door and asked her to buy a fern. She said she did not want one, and shut the door in his face. Before she got into the kitchen she heard a ring at the front door bell. She went up and saw the other prisoner, who looked over into the area and tried to prevent her shutting the door. On going downstairs she found the kitchen window open and missed a sovereign, which had been left on a table at the window. There was sufficient room in the window for a hand to pass through.—Hooper: The window was open with the sovereign exposed. If that was not a temptation, I don't know what is.—There were other charges against prisoners, and on the one for the sovereign being entered Hooper said, "We did take it, that's all you have got us straight for." Kirby said, "It is quite right, we had the quid."—Remanded.

TRADESMAN AND HIS NEIGHBOUR.

A tradesman of Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, complained of the action of his next door neighbour.—He explained that there was a space of 8ft. between the shops and pavement, and for 10 years it had been unoccupied. Recently, his neighbour had erected a hoarding, fixing it on the wall dividing the premises, and intimating his intention to advertise his business upon it. Applicant objected, as it would interfere with his business.—Mr. Rose: An eyesore?—Applicant: Yes.—Mr. Rose: The metropolis is full of eyesores. (Laughter.)—Applicant: The painters came in my premises to do the work and I would not allow them. This morning, before I was up, the painters came on my premises and painted the advertisement on the hoarding. (Laughter.) What am I to do?—Mr. Rose recommended the applicant to go to the district surveyor, who would probably find the erection beyond the line of the street.

Westminster.

UNFIT TO HOLD A LICENSE.

Robert Nicoll, 28, hansom-cab driver, of Hill-pl., Edgware-rd., was charged with drunkenness during his employment.—Yesterday morning the attention of P.C. 251 B was attracted to the prisoner, who was near Victoria Station driving a fare about. Prisoner was shouting loudly, and on being satisfied that he was drunk the officer proceeded to lead the horse to the station. Accused did his best to whip up his horse and get away, but finding his efforts futile he scrambled down from his seat and got into another cab. His fare, however, insisted on being driven to the police-station. —Prisoner denied the truth of the constable's statement, but admitted being drunk.—Mr. Sheil pointed out that during the last two years accused had been convicted five times, one of them being for an assault on the police. His worship then added that he regarded prisoner as totally unfit to hold a license, and this would now be withdrawn. In addition he would undergo 7 days' hard labour.

BEER DILUTION.

James Benton, landlord of the Crown and Sceptre, Chapter-st., Westminster, was summoned by the excise authorities for diluting beer.—Mr. Dennis, who prosecuted, said the dilution was to the extent of 4 2-10 gallons to the 36 gallon barrel. Defendant was fined £5 and £4 14s. costs in 1895 for a similar offence.—Mr. Sheil enquired whether there was not an enactment touching previous convictions, and Mr. Dennis replied in the affirmative, adding that the limitation of the fine under the Excise Act was one-fourth of the full penalty (£50).—Mr. Dutton pleaded guilty on behalf of defendant, and said the only explanation the latter had to offer was that at the time the sample was taken he was ill, and the management of the cellar was entirely in the hands of the son.—Fined £25, with £3 12s. costs.——Jeffrey James, of The Volunteer, Regency-st., Westminster, was similarly summoned.—Mr. Dennis said that in this case the dilution was 4 9-10 gallons to the barrel. The house was fully licensed, but a very small one, and there had been no previous conviction.—A penalty imposed, including costs, amounting to £7 6s.

Worship-street.

SHOOTING A CAT.

Alfred Drage, 22, cab washer, Spitalfields, was charged with firing a revolver in the public street to the common danger.—P.C. 222 H said at 10.30 on Friday night in Booth-st., Spitalfields, he saw prisoner on the opposite side of the street suddenly discharge a revolver. Witness went over and took it out his hand, asking him why he did it. Prisoner said he was trying to kill a cat. He was taken to the station, and the revolver, on examination, was found to have 2 other chambers loaded. Prisoner had no license for fire-arms.—Mr. Cluer said that fact ought to be reported to the Inland Revenue, although they did not seem to care whether the £10 penalty for not taking a license was exacted or not. He came to that conclusion in consequence of no proceedings having been taken against persons who were before this court in October and November last (the Hoxton shooting cases), although the matter was reported.—Drage said he only bought the revolver during the evening.—Fined 40s.

Thames.

AN UNHAPPY HOME.

John H. Douglas, 32, of Dunstan-place, was brought up on remand with violently assaulting his wife.—The latter, who was still evidently in great pain, stated that on Friday week she asked her husband for money to buy food for their 2 sick children, and for some wood and coal, as there was no fire in the grate. Although he had received his money that night he refused to give her any, and, she alleged, brutally kicked her about the lower part of the body. She had not long come out of her confinement. Prosecutrix was now cross-examined by Mr. G. Young, who appeared to defend. She said she took a boot off and threw it at her husband, because he taunted her. It was not true she was continually drunk, but she admitted having had some drink at times. She had charged her husband 5 times. For the defence, Mr. Young said it was a case in which the husband was cursed with a drunken wife. It was the latter who commenced the assault, and under the circumstances he submitted it would be dangerous to convict the accused on the unsupported evidence of the wife. Prisoner was not the aggressor, and ought to be pitied.—Mr. Dickinson said he was sorry he could not believe the evidence of the wife. It was a very unhappy house, and there were faults on both side. —Prisoner bound over to keep the peace.

WOMAN AND HER HUSBAND.

A woman complained to Mr. Dickinson concerning her husband, who, she said, stopped in bed all day and used bad language.—Mr. Dickinson: I can't make him get up, and can't interfere with a husband's coarse tongue. What do you want me to do?—Applicant: I want to try for a separation. You told me to leave him, but I can't without my home.—Mr. Dickinson: I did not tell you to leave your husband.—The Usher: She saw Mr. Mead, sir. —Mr. Dickinson: You had better come here on Monday and see Mr. Mead.

Clerkenwell.

AT AN "ARMY" SHELTER.

Wm. Jenkin, 63, sandwich-man, no fixed abode, was charged with wilfully breaking 2 squares of plate-glass, value £3, at the Salvation Army's Shelter, Charles-st., Hatton Garden. About 10 the previous night prisoner asked for admission to the shelter, and on being told there was no room he went away. Subsequently he came back drunk with 2 bricks, which he threw through the 2 windows, and narrowly escaped hitting the caretaker.—Prisoner now expressed contrition for his conduct.—21 days.

BAD MEAT.

Chas. Tattam, butcher and dealer, of Upton, near Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, was summoned for causing diseased meat to be deposited in Charterhouse-st.—On Oct. 30 the attention of Mr. Billing, sanitary inspector, was called to a carcase of mutton which he was told had been sent up for sale by defendant. It was unsound and diseased, and was condemned after having been seen by a magistrate.—Fined £20 or a month.

Stratford.

PUBLICAN HEAVILY FINED.

Walter Coomes, landlord of the Butcher's Arms beer-house, Hermon Hill, Wanstead, was summoned for selling intoxicating liquor to a drunken person. Mr. Maitland defended.—The case for the police was that on Sunday, Jan. 3, at 10.45 a.m., Sergt. Barton visited the Butcher's Arms, and saw a man named Wright leaning against a partition near the bar. Defendant was asked "Why did you serve this man? Didn't you see his condition?" and defendant replied, "I didn't notice him." A quart pot, containing beer, and 2 glasses were in front of the man, and the sergeant turning again to defendant said, "Surely you can see his condition now?" The defendant then remarked, "Yes, I can now." He also stated, in reply to other questions, that the man on entering said he had come from London.—£5 and 10s. 6d. costs.

West Ham.

PROFESSIONAL CRACKSMAN COMMITTED.

John Bertram, 34, describing himself as a "professional cracksman," was charged on remand with stealing a horse and cart and harness, a milk churn, an overcoat, and a whip, valued at £15, the property of James Soltley, dairyman, of Star-lane, Canning Town.—Mr. F. Stern prosecuted.—On the 7th inst. the son of the prosecutor was delivering milk in Hallsville-road, Canning Town, and suddenly missed his horse and cart. Search for it proved unavailing, and information was then given to the police.—The same night prisoner drove the horse and cart into the stables of Mr. Hunt at Storey-st., Caledonian-road. He was known there, and at his request Mr. Hunt's son agreed to look after the horse and cart. Next morning, however, when the prosecutor's name and address were found on the milk cart and on a churn in it, the police were called in. Det.-sergt. Reed and Dets. Cole and Murray went to Clayton-st., Caledonian-road, and found prisoner there in bed. He was arrested.—Committed for trial.

Lambeth.

CHARGE AGAINST A MIDWIFE.

Ada Bennett, 45, of King's-rd., Peckham, was again charged on remand with being concerned with one Eleanor Cook in performing an illegal operation on the latter under circumstances previously reported. —Mrs. Cook was still too ill to appear, and another case was gone on with.—A young woman named Baker, whose full name and address were not disclosed, stated that in November last, in consequence of an advertisement which she saw, she called upon prisoner, and after some conversation the latter told her there would be a slight operation, the result of which would be that a miscarriage would be brought about. Accused said the operation would not be dangerous, and there would be very little pain. Witness asked what the fee would be, and prisoner replied £10, adding that she had attended other ladies for a similar purpose, and they had got quite well. Witness went on to detail what occurred when she subsequently visited prisoner.—The latter fainted, and had to be taken out of court, but on being brought back witness concluded her evidence, and said she paid prisoner £10 before the operation was performed.—Remanded.

GETTING A LIGHT.

Fredk. Haynes, 16, described as a glass-packer, was charged with wilfully extinguishing a public street lamp at Loughborough Park, Brixton.—P.C. 368 W alleged that prisoner turned out the gas by means of a walking stick.—Prisoner's version of the matter was that he put a piece of paper on the end of the stick in order to get a light for his cigarette. In trying to get the light he accidentally extinguished the gas.—10s., or 7 days.

South-Western.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE OF A WIDOW.

Elizabeth Alice Barnett, 28, widow, of no home, was charged with attempting to commit suicide.—Prisoner, who looked ill, was seen on Friday to mount the parapet of Battersea Bridge, and was in the act of throwing herself into the Thames when she was prevented by a man who happened to be passing. She made a second attempt to throw herself into the river, saying "I am sick of life, and want to drown myself."—P.C. 208 V, who arrested her, said she had recently lost her husband, and left the infirmary 2 days ago.—Remanded.

MAGISTRATE AND TRADESMEN'S GOODS

Mr. Francis passed some severe remarks in a case in which a man named George Nye was charged with stealing articles exposed for sale outside shops at Streatham, relating to the tradesmen's mode of conducting his business. Why tradesmen, he said, could not keep their goods inside their shops it was impossible for him to understand. It placed a great temptation in the way of those dishonestly inclined, and there would be fewer robberies if tradesmen ceased to expose their goods in a manner that tempted people to take them. Having regard to the circumstances in the present case he should only pass a sentence of 14 days.

"WANDLE PIRATES."

George Allery, 11, of Grotton-rd., Wandsworth, Henry Hiatt, 8, of Edmund Cottages, Thornsett-rd., Albert Nicholls, 13, of Penwith-st., Edward Woodley, 12, of Cubitt's Cottages, Garratt-lane, and Edward Pease, 10, of Fenton Cottages, Wandsworth, were charged with stealing a quantity of groceries from Annie Adams, a little girl, whose parents lived in Vanderbilt-rd.—There have been several robberies of this character in the neighbourhood of Garrett-lane, the thieves being a gang of boys known as the "Wandle pirates," several of whom have been convicted.—Annie Adams was walking down Garrett-lane on Friday when prisoners ran out of their hiding place, and emptied her basket of the whole of its contents. They then ran away, but a constable to whom the girl complained followed and succeeded in arresting them. It was mentioned that there was an order against Allery for his committal to a truant school, and Mr. Francis ordered him to be taken there forthwith. He remanded the other boys for a week, observing that he would consider in the meantime whether he should not order them each a severe flogging.

Greenwich.

HORSES AND KEEPERS.

Charles Fardell, Cartwright-st., St. George's East; John Pugh, manager; Thos. Campbell, horse-keeper; James Roberts, and Thos. Kirkland, all employed at Fardell's, were summoned for causing a horse to be worked in an unfit state. —Samuel King, carman, was charged with cruelly working the horse, with which he was stopped by P.C. 572 P, the animal being described by a veterinary surgeon as unfit for work, but in fair condition. —A good deal of evidence was given, and Insp. Rogers, S.P.C.A., said he understood that Mr. Fardell could not have known the condition of the horse on the day in question, as he was away at the time. A notice was exhibited in the firm's yard, stating that any carman who found anything the matter with a horse must report to the head horsekeeper. It was stated that Fardell sold the business on the day before this horse was stopped to a company.—Mr. Westworth, veterinary surgeon, expressed the opinion that the injury might have been caused on the day the animal was stopped. It was suffering no pain.—Mr. Fardell said he was so sick of being unable to get good horse-keepers and drivers that he had given up the business altogether.—Mr. Kennedy dismissed the summons against Fardell, Pugh, and Kirkland. He fined Campbell and Roberts £5 each, with 31s. 6d. costs against Campbell and 10s. against Roberts. He fined King 40s.

Croydon.

SELLING STOLEN TOOLS.

George Rowley, 32, of Bangor-st., Notting Hill, was charged with being concerned with another man not in custody in stealing and receiving a quantity of lead piping and a number of carpenter's tools, value £2, the property of Uriah Wright, of Beulah-crescent, Thornton Heath.—Det.-sergt. Hawkins said he received information of the robbery and went with prosecutor to the shop of Mr. Harris, pawnbroker, Clyde-road, W. Kensington, where the tools in question were produced. Just before 8 o'clock on Friday night he found prisoner being detained at Hammersmith Police Station, and told him that he had sold some tools that had been stolen from Thornton Heath. Rowley denied having stolen the tools, and explained that he met a man who asked him whether he could sell some, adding that he had bought them at a sale. He then took him to Harris's, where they sold them.—John Fredk. Harris, pawnbroker, said Rowley, whom he knew, came to his shop and said he had some tools to sell for a man. Witness asked him whether he knew the man, and he replied in the affirmative, adding that he was outside. A man, stranger to witness, then came in and said he had bought the tools at a sale. Knowing Rowley as a general dealer, witness bought the tools, giving 9s. for them.—Uriah Wright, a builder, of Thornton Heath, stated that all the tools bore his stamp. They were stolen from a shed at the rear of his premises on New Year's Day, together with some lead piping.—Remanded.

AFFRAY WITH GAMEKEEPERS.

Joseph Green and William Sheppard, both of Merton, were charged with assaulting James Cross, of the Oaks, Woodmansterne.—Cross stated that on the 3rd inst. he was with a man named Martin and his brother, when defendants came from some enclosed land. Witness asked what they were doing there and Green said he thought there was a roadway. Witness told them there was no road or path. Seeing Sheppard's pockets were bulky, witness asked him what he had got, and he replied, "That, you ——." and hit him on the shoulder with his fist. Green had a stick, and saying "I owe you a grudge," pushed at witness with it. Witness warded off the blows as well as he could, and Martin was also assaulted.—Sheppard fined 20s. and 14s. costs, and Green 40s. and 14s.

YESTERDAY'S INQUESTS.

SUPPOSED CHILD MURDER.

Mr. Baxter held an inquest on a newly-born female child, whose body, wrapped in a red flannel skirt, was discovered in an archway under the G.E. Railway, Baythorne-st., Mile End, on Thursday morning.—Dr. Lightburne said the body was that of a fine fully developed female child. On feeling the head he detected a fracture at the base of the skull. The child had been dead less than 24 hours. The cause was laceration of the brain and fracture of the skull.—Open verdict.

DIED IN THE STREET.

Mr. Hodgkinson held an inquest on Frederick Thomas Daniels, 47, warehouseman, Ranelagh-rd., Tottenham.—Henry Barton, beer retailer, Clyde-rd., Tottenham, stated that about 9 p.m. on Wednesday he found deceased lying on the pavement in Beaconsfield-rd. in a pool of blood. He was unconscious, so witness fetched a doctor, who ordered his removal to hospital. The police conveyed him there on the ambulance, but on arrival he was pronounced to be dead.—Dr. Carson, medical officer, said that death was due to the rupture of a blood vessel in the lungs.—Natural death.

WINDOW CLEANING.

Mr. Baxter held an inquest on James Joseph Murray, 20, barman, lately of the Star and Garter public-house, Whitechapel-rd.—James Underwood, bricklayer's labourer, deposed that on Thursday afternoon he noticed deceased stooping on the sill of the second floor window of the public-house cleaning the windows. Witness turned his head and then heard a thud in the roadway. On looking round he saw deceased lying there bleeding from a wound in the head. Assistance was obtained, and the deceased removed to the hospital.—George Saunders, landlord of the house, said deceased had been in his employ for a week only. Witness did not know the man was cleaning the windows. The sill was 7½in. wide.—Dr. Todd, house surgeon, stated that deceased's brains were protruding. — Verdict, accidental death.

DROWNED.

Mr. Hilleary held an inquest on James Anderson, 52, seaman.—The evidence showed that deceased should have sailed in the s.s. Essiquibo on Dec. 8, but he did not do so, as he got "too drunk." He was last seen in the neighbourhood of the docks, and his body was found in the water near West Ham Gas Works. When searched at the mortuary a 3rd class return ticket from Liverpool-st. to Tidal Basin, Dec. 9, was found. Deceased was stated to be a widower, having property at Newcastle.—Dr. Kennedy expressed his opinion that the body had been in the water a month. There were no marks of violence, and death was due to drowning. —Found drowned.

NO HOME, FRIENDS, OR WORK.

Mr. Baxter held an inquest on John Roberts, 35.—"Capt." D. McGregor, in charge of the Salvation Army Shelter, Whitechapel-rd., stated that his attention was called to deceased at 10 on Monday night by some of the other inmates, who complained of the man groaning. A doctor was sent for, who prescribed for him, and ordered his removal to the infirmary.—Elizabeth Cubitt, sister at the infirmary, stated that deceased told her he had no home, no friends, no work, and that he had been walking about the streets all night. He was dirty and much emaciated.—Dr. Larder, medical officer, stated that the man was in a dying condition when admitted, and expired on Wednesday. He told witness he was a wheelwright, but was too bad to make any further statement. Asked why he did not enter the infirmary before, deceased replied that he hoped to be able to get along without doing so. Death was due to pneumonia and heart disease.—Verdict accordingly.

FELL OUT OF THE TRAIN.

Mr. Braxton Hicks held an inquest on Watkin William Wells, 49, painter, Sherland-rd., Twickenham. Deceased was a colour-sergt. in the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Middlesex Regiment, of which he had been a member for 30 years. It appeared that he had been employed in Gartmore Gardens, Southfields, Wandsworth, and to reach there he was in the habit of travelling by the S.W. Railway from Twickenham, changing at East Putney for Southfields. According to the evidence of Frederick Ford, of the Coach and Horses, Heath-rd., Twickenham, he and Wells arrived at Southfields Station at a little after 7 on Wednesday morning, and being unable to lower the carriage window they kicked at the door to attract attention. In this they were unsuccessful, but the train was just restarting when Wells succeeded in opening the door, the result being that he fell out on to the platform. Ford also essayed to alight, but seeing his friend lying on the platform, he got back into the carriage and went on to Wimbledon Park. Returning by the next train, he arrived at Southfields just in time to see Wells die. The injured man was taken into the booking office, where he gave his name and address, at the same time saying (so it was alleged) that he did not think he was hurt, and that it was his own fault. A few minutes later he arrived at his work and told Mr. Collins, his employer, that he had had a fall and was afraid he would have to go home. He had scarcely spoken the words when he fell into Collins' arms, dead.—Dr. Robertson said death was due to a rupture of the heart, following shock caused by the fall.—Verdict, accidental death.

ARMENIAN'S DEATH: INQUEST

At Guy's Hospital yesterday Mr. Langham held an inquest on Nigholgias Krikoran, an Armenian, who was alleged to have been fatally attacked in Bermondsey.—Edward Oxley, who stands remanded from Southwark Police Court on a charge of causing his death, was present at the inquiry. —Deceased and several other Armenians had been staying with the Salvation Army since about Christmas. He had previously, it is said, been a prosperous farmer in Armenia, but had to leave the country on account of recent disturbances.—John Durgerian, a dyer, said he knew deceased for years in Smyrna. They had not long been in England, but each day went out "for a walk" with the Salvation Army. The assault took place about 3 or 4 on the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 27, in Abbey-st., Bermondsey, when witness and deceased were out walking. Several people shouted out "Armenians, Armenians," and a man struck deceased on the head with his hand, which the crowd treated as "a huge joke," and the crowd gathered round, taunting them and

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with clenched hands. They both received blows about the chest, and tried to get away, but the crowd still kept round until they got separated, and while witness was still defending himself he saw deceased in a sitting posture in the road, and the crowd were kicking him about the body, but witness got free and ran back to the shelter and fetched Boghas Habechian, captain of the refugees. Witness returned with him, and saw blood about deceased's face. Deceased said, "They have struck me, and I have a pain in my chest." He was removed to the shelter, and in the evening was taken to hospital. The men were strangers and not frequenters of the shelter, but witness fancied he might be able, to identify them.—Det. Gentle stated that witness had been confronted with Oxley, but failed to identify him.—Witness added that he and the deceased gave no provocation to their assailants, who numbered about 20 or 25, although they did not all use violence or kick the deceased.

A BOY'S EVIDENCE.

—James Ward, 11, deposed that he saw 2 Armenians come out of the shelter and go along Abbey-st. A boy called out, "Oh, here's two Armenians." They followed them a few yards, and then a "lot of chaps"—about 15—went up to the Armenians in a body. They were all big boys, and witness did not see any men among them. He did not know the accused Oxley. The boys hit the Armenians in the chest, and some of them kicked deceased a great many times while he was lying down in the road. Witness ran and fetched a policeman, but all the "chaps" had got away when he returned.—Another boy, named Skillett, gave similar evidence. He knew many of the boys who struck the Armenians by sight, but he did not know their names. He also did not see Oxley, but afterwards he heard a boy named Benson say to Phil Gunning that Oxley had done it. That was at night. —Bertram Benson, another boy, said most of the gang of youths who attacked were intoxicated. There were six Armenians together, and when deceased was kicked the other 5 ran away.—The Coroner: Did you see James Oxley there?—Witness: No, sir. —The Coroner: Then why did you say to the magistrates that you did?—Witness: I don't know.—The Coroner: Then what you told the magistrate was untrue. Notwithstanding what you told the magistrate, you still say that Oxley was not there?—Witness: Yes.—Dr. Bell stated that death was due undoubtedly to an injury, and after further evidence had been adduced as to the assault, the inquiry was adjourned.

LAW NOTICES.—Monday.

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE.—COURT OF APPEAL.—Court I.—At 11.—Before the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lopes, and Lord Justice Chitty.—Appeal Motions, ex parte, from the Queen's Bench and Admiralty Divisions.—Original Motion: Collier v. Kenworthy. Appeals from the Queen's Bench Division (Interlocutory List): The Conservators of the River Thames, Appellants v The Assessment Committee of the City of London Union—Humphrey and Others v Westwood and Another—The Lingfield Steamship Company (Limited) v The North Western Bank (Limited)—The Dean and Chapter of St. Asaph, Appellants v The Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Llanrhaiadr yn Mochnant and the Assessment Committee of Llanfyllin Union, Respondents —Lockett v Lagunas Nitrate Company and Others—Brookman v. Cruikshank. Court II. —At 11.—Before Lord Justice Lindley, Lord Justice A. L. Smith, and Lord Justice Rigby. —Appeals from the Chancery Division (Final List): In re The New Travellers' Chambers (Limited) and Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890, part heard—In re The Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890, and In re the Bultfontein Sun Diamond Mine (Limited).

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.—CHANCERY DIVISION.—Court I.—At 10.30.—In Court.—Before Mr. Justice North.—Adjournments from Chambers. Lord Chancellor's Court.—At 10.30.—In Court.—Before Mr. Justice Stirling.—Chamber Summonses. Court IV.—At 10.30.—In Court.—Before Mr. Justice Kekewich.—Chamber Summonses. Court II.—At 10.30.—In Court.—Before Mr. Justice Romer. —Chamber Summonses.

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OFFICIAL REFEREES.—Portugal-street, Lincoln's Inn.—Court II.—Before Mr. Ridley, Q.C.—Drew, Bear, and Co. v. The St. Pancras Guardians and Others, part heard—Ball v. Fairbrother. Court III.—Before Mr. Hemming, Q.C.—Braun, Clement, and Co. v Stern and Co.

PROBATE, DIVORCE., AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION.—Court II.—At 11.—Before the Right Hon. Sir Francis H. Jeune, President.—Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Summonses. At 12: Applications to make Absolute Decrees Nisi. Probate Motions. Divorce Motions: Roberts v. Roberts and Wilson—Lawrence v. Lawrence—Hollington v. Hollington. Undefended Divorce Causes: Ross v. Ross—Graves v Graves an Apcar—Barnes v Barnes. At 2.—Admiralty (with Trinity Masters): March, part heard. Court I.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Gorell Barnes.—Undefended Divorce Cause: Wall v Wall and Harper, part heard. Special Juries: Cunningham v Cunningham—Parsons v Parsons, Ilderton and Palmer.

NOTICE TO JURORS.—Jurors in the part heard case Mellow v Newland Diamond Mines (Limited) are required to attend in Court IX. at 10.30. Jurors summoned for Monday to serve in Queen's Bench Court IV. are not required until Thursday. Jurors for Court V. are not required until Tuesday. All other jurors are required to attend in their respective courts as directed by their summonses.

MILITARY TOURNAMENT.

The 18th annual tournament will be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, from May 27 to June 10, both days inclusive, 2 performances being given daily, at 2 and 7 p.m. The profits will be handed to the Commander-in-Chief for distribution among various military charities. The executive committee are already far advanced with their arrangements, and it is stated that the attractions this year bid fair to surpass anything heretofore attempted. One of the leading features will be a grand pageant representing types of the British Army from 1704 to 1882, affording illustrations of the arms, uniforms, and equipment in use between those dates at Blenheim, Waterloo, Inkerman, and Tel-el-Kebir. The men taking part in the pageant will be furnished from regiments which bear these battles on their colours. Other features will comprise a display by a detachment of the Royal Navy, a combined display of all arms, musical rides by 1st Life Guards and 3rd Dragoon Guards, musical drive by Royal Horse Artillery, feats of arms, riding, jumping, &c., in which a party of New South Wales Mounted Rifles, who are bringing their own horses, will take part, tugs-of-war, bayonet fighting, and physical drill. Prizes amounting to £1,123 will be distributed. The committee have introduced what they consider to be a great improvement in the arrangements for messing the troops engaged.

A poll of the ratepayers of Islington was taken yesterday to ascertain whether the Free Libraries Act should be adopted for the parish. The result will be announced on Tuesday.

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LOVE LETTERS.

Actions for breach of promise similar to the one reported in another column, in which 800 love letters formed part of the evidence, are fortunately rare. It would have been better for the barristers and solicitors who were compelled to wade through this mass of correspondence if the example set in a more famous case had been followed. Forty years ago Miss Ellen Miles brought an action for breach of promise against Capt. Magan, then M.P. for Westmeath. So numerous were the gallant captain's letters that Miss Miles had them printed for the convenience of her counsel, and they appeared in court in the form of a neat quarto volume of 198 closely printed pages. The case was ultimately settled on the following terms: Capt. Magan agreed to pay the lady £2,000, stipulating that his original letters should be returned to him, and that the entire edition of the quarto volumes should be burnt in the presence of his solicitor.

To-morrow the Lady Mayoress will give a juvenile fancy dress ball at the Mansion House, when about 1,000 guests are expected.

At Dundee, Richard Leggatt, 30, seaman, was charged with wife murder. The parties had been married only 3 years, and ever since the marriage prisoner had harboured suspicion regarding his wife's unfaithfulness. Last summer, while on a voyage to the arctic regions, prisoner declared that he was chaffed by his shipmates about his wife, and his ill-feeling towards her grew stronger. On Dec. 7 he shot her dead, and afterwards attempted suicide. Fifteen years.

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IN THE DIVORCE COURT.

THEATRICAL SUIT.

MACKENZIE v. MACKENZIE.—Wife's petition. Ground, husband's alleged cruelty and adultery.—Mr. Barnard, for petitioner, said both petitioner and respondent were in the theatrical profession, being for the most part engaged in provincial companies. They were married on June 29, 1893, at the Registry Office, Richmond, and there was one child of the marriage. Respondent from the first treated his wife badly. He came home late at night under the influence of drink, and on one occasion struck her, and on several occasions she had bruises which she had shown to witnesses. Shortly after the birth of the child respondent went away on a tour with "Charley's Aunt." He declined to take his wife with him, and only made her an allowance of 10s. a week, although he knew that she had to pay for the nursing of the child. In fact so badly off was petitioner that she would have starved but for the assistance of others. Shortly after respondent returned and stayed with his wife for 14 days, and then went on tour with "Niobe," declining to take petitioner with him. In August, 1895, the wife said she could not go on living in that way any longer, and a separation was agreed upon, respondent allowing his wife 15s. per week. Subsequently petitioner discovered that her husband in April, 1896, had passed the night with a lady at Southend, whereupon she filed her petition.—Evidence having been given in support of counsel's opening statement, his lordship adjourned the case in order that the petition might be amended with regard to cruelty, and reserved on respondent expressing himself satisfied with the evidence of adultery.

WINE-GROWER'S DIVORCE.

LINKLATER v. LINKLATER.—Wife's petition. Ground, husband's adultery and desertion.—Mr. Priestley, for petitioner, said Mrs. Linklater was married to respondent on April 8, 1885, at All Saints', Upper Norwood, and afterwards went to live at Algiers, where respondent had a vineyard. He had not, however, given up his English domicile, and if his lordship was not satisfied on this point respondent's brother, who was a Registrar of the High Court, would give evidence to the effect that his brother had never lost his domicile, and that he intended to return to England.—The evidence, which had all been taken on commission, showed that respondent had misconducted himself with a young lady in Algiers, and that he deserted petitioner in April, 1893. After he had deserted his wife he wrote her a letter, in which he said that she no doubt had heard he had been summoned by the husband of a woman with whom he had committed adultery, and that he had been caught by 2 police-officers.—The evidence taken on commission having been read, his lordship granted a decree nisi, with costs.

THREATENED BY A FISH SALESMAN.

TATTERSFIELD v. TATTERSFIELD.—Mrs. Louisa Tattersfield's petition. Ground, misconduct of her husband, formerly a fish salesman, at Leamington. Mr. Pritchard appeared for the petitioner. There was no defence.—Mrs. Louisa Tattersfield said she was married to respondent in March, 1886, at Leamington. After the wedding they resided at Leamington for a time, where respondent carried on the business of a fishmonger. He, however, got into difficulties, and her father paid a composition of respondent's debts in 1893. Respondent afterwards went to Vancouver, her father paying his passage. He, however, returned in April, 1894, but he did not live with her afterwards. His conduct towards her had been cruel. In 1892 he threatened to shoot her, and he fired a gun at her. He also threatened her with a knife. She subsequently heard of his misconduct, and she instructed her solicitor, Mr. Sanderson, to institute the present suit.—Mary Heal, of Brunswick-st., Leamington, said she was formerly in the service of Mr. and Mrs. Tattersfield at Leamington. She left in October, 1892. Respondent used to treat petitioner badly. She on one occasion saw respondent threaten to shoot petitioner. He had the gun in his hand. Mrs. Tattersfield was very much frightened at the respondent's conduct. — Emily Boucher said she was in the service of the petitioner in 1893 at Bath-st., Leamington. Respondent had treated his wife badly. He had threatened her with a knife, and she (witness) had had to interfere to protect the petitioner from the respondent's violence.—Mr. Sanderson, petitioner's solicitor, said after receiving instructions he proceeded to London to make inquiry with regard to respondent. On his arrival at the Paddington Station he met respondent by accident. He appeared to be in very low water. Respondent, knowing him, spoke to him. He told him he was badly off, and that he had not tasted meat for some days. He gave him some money and directed him to get something to eat. He did not wish him to know that he was going to his (Tattersfield's) residence in Westbury-rd., Paddington. On his (witness's) arrival at Westbury-rd. he had a conversation with a young woman, and subsequently he saw Tattersfield and told him about proceedings being instituted against him for divorce.—Mrs. Cornish, of Westbury-rd., proved the cohabitation of respondent and a young woman not the petitioner at her house from May last year until November.—Decree nisi, with costs, petitioner to have the custody of the children.

A DESERTING OFFICER.

HOME v. HOME. — Wife's petition. Ground, misconduct and desertion of her husband, Richard Hare Home, formerly an officer in the Army, and captain in the artillery. There was no defence.—Mr. Deane, who appeared for petitioner, said the parties were married in December, 1886, at the registry office at Kensington. They lived happily for some time, but in 1892 respondent suggested that petitioner should go on a visit to her father at Bristol. She went, and after that respondent refused to receive petitioner back. He used to urge that his means were insufficient, and he used to write very long letters to petitioner to that effect. Petitioner in her replies always requested him to take her back, and it was alleged that respondent had deserted petitioner from the year 1892. Respondent had been previously married, and petitioner was his second wife. There had been a long correspondence between the parties, but in the last letter respondent wrote to petitioner, in 1894, he strongly condemned the course petitioner had taken; he further wrote that he was sick and tired of her threats, and told her that she could do her worst, but that he should go away, and that no one would know where he was going. Petitioner subsequently, in 1895, saw respondent's name with that of Mrs. Home in the "Tunbridge Wells Visitors' List." Subsequently petitioner wrote to Tunbridge Wells, and wished that an advertisement on the subject should be inserted, but that was refused, and afterwards an advertisement was inserted to the effect that Mrs. Home (petitioner) would wish to hear from her husband. This led to other matters, the result being the present petition.—Mrs. Charlotte Elizabeth Home gave evidence to the effect stated by the learned counsel. She said on seeing the announcement in the "Tunbridge Wells Visitors' List," she wrote to the proprietor to insert an advertisement which was sent, but that was refused, but the advertisement that "Mrs. Home wishes to see her husband, Capt. Home," was inserted.—Alice Ellis gave evidence that in 1894 respondent, with a lady not petitioner, resided in her house, Grove Hill-rd., Tunbridge Wells, for 3 months. She believed the letters shown to her were in the handwriting of Capt. Home.—Decree nisi.

LORD COWLEY'S SUIT.

COWLEY v. COWLEY.—In this case Mr. B. Deane said his lordship would remember that earlier in the week an order was made to take the evidence of a witness on commission. In accordance with the order, Mr. Wontner, Lord Cowley's solicitor, went to Horsham to make the necessary arrangement for this. The condition of the lady, however, was such that her husband absolutely refused to allow the examination to take place. Thereupon Mr. Wontner saw the doctor, who had made a further affidavit, in consequence of which counsel asked for a further adjournment.—Mr. Walton opposed the application. He would have no objection to the case being adjourned if it was found that the evidence of the witness in question was important. He, however, asked that the case should keep its place for Tuesday next. Then, after he had opened the case, his friend could, if he found it necessary, ask for an adjournment.—Mr. Deane said he would be content if it was understood that at the close of petitioner's case the further hearing should, if necessary, be postponed for the examination of the witness.—Mr. Walton, who stated that if resisted the case would last several days, agreed to this.—The case will accordingly come on for hearing on Tuesday, subject to any partly-heard case.

AN ACCOUNTANT DIVORCED.

BRIGGS v. BRIGGS.—Wife's petition. Ground, husband's cruelty and adultery.—The wife of an accountant named Briggs, living at different times at Southampton, Plymouth, and Walham Green, sued for dissolution of her marriage. They were married in 1888, and the husband took to drink. He assaulted his wife on many occasions, threatened her with a revolver and a razor, threw his boots at her, and knocked her down. He confessed to her that he had been unfaithful, and last year he left her. She found him living at Wandsworth with another woman.—Decree nisi.

BRUTAL BIGAMIST.

PLUM v. PLUM.—Wife's petition. Ground, adultery and bigamy.—Petitioner, Margaret Elisabeth Plum, was married at St. John's, Westminster, to William Mansfield Plum in December, 1883. They lived at Westbourne-ter., N., and afterwards in Dublin, where he deserted her. Mrs. Plum went to live at Walthamstow and commenced divorce proceedings. They lapsed because a Dublin doctor, one of the witnesses, refused to come over to London unless he got a payment of £25, and Mrs. Plum was unable to pay it. In November last Plum was sentenced to 8 months at the Bristol Assizes for bigamously marrying Jessie Emma Gould in May, 1893. He had lived with her at Richmond-rd., Hammersmith, for several months before the marriage, and treated her brutally after it.—Miss Gould gave evidence.—Decree nisi.

AN "ENTERTAINING" WIFE.

GREENHILL v. GREENHILL.—Husband's petition. Mr. Greenhill, of Ramsay House, Wimbledon, asked for a dissolution of his marriage because of his wife's misconduct with a man unknown. It was an Islington registry office match, with 4 offspring, and the parties lived happily till the lady became intemperate. Then a separation was arranged, the husband making her an allowance of £2 a week, and her mother finding her a lodging at 427, Kingsland-rd. On Oct. 17 the landlord learned that she was entertaining someone, and he posted off to the police station to ask what he should do. While he was away the lady's mother made a call, and, learning what was wrong, went to the room with feminine directness. She only found an open window, however.—Decree nisi.

DIVORCE BY DETECTIVE.

LEWIS v. LEWIS.—Wife's petition. Mr. Harry James Lewis was cited by his wife, Sophia Kate Lewis, who prayed for the dissolution of her marriage on the ground of his cruelty and adultery. The case was undefended.—Mr. Barnard, who represented petitioner, said she was married to respondent in 1887 at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Aston, Birmingham. There were no children of the marriage, which had been very unhappy. Respondent frequently assaulted his wife, striking and bruising her. On one occasion, in June, 1892, he knocked her down, in the presence of her sister, making her nose bleed; and Mrs. Talbot would depose that on several other occasions she saw bruises and marks on her sister. In November, 1895, Mrs. Lewis suspected her husband of infidelity, and employed Messrs. Slater, of the detective agency, to watch him. A man named Porter on Nov. 14 followed respondent from his office in Chancery-lane, and saw him meet a woman in Tottenham Court-rd. and go with her to a house in Keppel-st., Russell-sq.—Decree nisi.

A CO-RESPONDENT CAPTAIN.

NEWALL v. NEWALL AND PLATT.—Husband's petition. Ground, wife's adultery. —Lieut.-col. Potter Newall, of the Indian Army, petitioned, co-respondent being Capt. Henry Platt, of the English Army. It appeared that in 1891 petitioner was ordered on active service, and during his absence Capt. Platt, who was then a lieut. and also stationed in India, called on Mrs. Newall as a visitor. Petitioner received a letter from his wife, in which she said she was not well, and that it was necessary for her to go to England for her health. Petitioner consented, and she came to this country. It subsequently turned out, however, that Capt. Platt was a passenger on the same ship and lodged in the same house with her in Talgarth-road., W. Kensington.—Decree nisi with costs and custody of the children.

A POWDERED LADY.

DEWSE v. DEWSE AND MUNKS.—Husband's petition. Ground, wife's adultery. —John Dewse is a painter and decorator. He was married in 1883 at the Wesleyan Chapel, Oxford-st., Manchester, and seems to have enjoyed a fair average of connubial bliss till 1896, when business brought him to London. When he returned to his home in Sheffield he found that his wife had taken to powdering her face. He thought that strange, and kept a quiet watch on the lady. Coming home late one night he was unable to get in. When he hammered on the door Mrs. Dewse called to him to wait a bit. He nipped round to the back to do his waiting, and met Thomas Munks coming over the backyard wall. Finding himself collared, Munks pusillanimously confessed. Dewse forgave his wife that time, but he resumed his observations. A second offence caused him to ask for a divorce.—Decree nisi.

A DEVON DIVORCE.

KAY v. KAY.—Wife's petition. On this case being called, Mr. Priestley, for petitioner, asked that it be adjourned, as the witnesses had not been prepared for the hearing owing to the short notice. —Sir F. Jeune agreed to grant an adjournment for a fortnight on the understanding that the costs of the adjournment should be fixed on the solicitor, and not against the clients. It seemed to him the fault rested with the solicitor.—Mr. Priestley said no more costs would be incurred than were necessary.—Respondent (C. B. Kay) is alleged to have eloped with a young lady of Bishopsteignton.

A short-lived married life was that of Mr. John Hargreave, fishmonger, Fulham, married in July, 1896, and separated September, 1896. They lived in Smith-ter., in Robinson-st., and in Cremorne-rd., Chelsea. The wife stayed out, and that caused the separation. In October petitioner went to Limerston-st., where his wife was lodging. He went to her room, broke open the door, and found her there with John William Moore, the co-respondent, who gave the name of Douglas.—Decree nisi.

William Kilroy, shirt dresser, Llanover-rd., Wembley, sought a divorce from his wife on the ground of her misconduct with Charles Tripp, a 'bus conductor in the service of the L.G.O.C. The husband went with 2 friends and found his wife living with Tripp as his wife at Canterbury-rd., Kilburn. When discovered the sensative lady burst into tears, and said it was very cruel to come there as it was the anniversary of her wedding day.—Decree nisi.

A HUMAN MONKEY.

EXTRAORDINARY STORY OF A GIRL'S ADVENTURES.

Inquiries have recently been made at the chief offices of the Salvation Army with regard to a report in an American paper, saying that a girl who was found in a Kentish hop-field, dressed in the skin of a monkey, had arrived in New York with a Salvation Army officer. Brigadier Clibburn and Officer Nicholls were first seen, and were able to confirm the report and to give the whole and true story of the girl's remarkable career. The parents of the child are unknown, but it is conjectured that when about 2 years of age she was stolen by an itinerant minstrel, who travelled about all parts of the country. This man, it seems, procured an old skin of a monkey and stuck on the child, to whom he administered repeated doses of gin to stop her growth. The gin produced this effect, and even now the girl is little bigger than a midget. In the course of time the skin came to fit the child like a glove, and all humanity soon began to be hidden. The face and hands only were exposed, and these,

NEVER BEING CLEANSED,

became so grimy that the resemblance of this little creature to a monkey was very remarkable. It is evident that the child remained in this condition for over a year before her identity was discovered by Miss Swift, one of the Salvation Army's slum officers. The child was taken by the minstrel all over the country. She was dressed in the usual red coat and carried a shell, with which she had been taught to beg for alms, the minstrel meanwhile turning the handle of his barrel organ. The child was never washed, and in order that the deception might be maintained her hair had been shaved. Her nails grew long, and her hands and feet were so emaciated and dirty that it is marvellous how the discovery of her identity was made at all. She was then hardly larger than a monkey, and owing to neglect was no more intelligent. In the course of her story of the discovery of the girl Miss Swift says:—

It is the most shocking case of all in the history of our slum work. The poor dear thing had been fed on gin for so long that she had ceased to grow, and could not have lived much longer when I found her. I was attracted to her by the terrible, uncanny look in her shining eyes. She was dressed much as are the monkeys that you see in the streets in company with organ grinders. The monkey or ape skin fitted quite tightly over her head and came down partly over her face. Before it became too small it covered her hands and feet. In winter she travelled with a company made up of men chiefly, who played a sort of pantomime. There were various odd characters in the piece, but the only ones I remember were the devil and the monkey. The trained monkey was the star performer, and my poor little one was perfectly trained, I assure you. She could climb up on a table, going up one of the legs, with as much agility as any real monkey. She would nibble nuts and beg for pennies just as any organ-grinder's trained monkey does. I found her in a hop-field in Kent, where I was doing Salvation Army work among the hop pickers. I took her home, and when she awoke in the morning her first words were: "Dib me dum din." I shook my head, and said gin was no good for her, whereupon she remarked, "Dit me a sup of beer den."

First black tea was given her, then milk was put into it, and soon she was got to eat bread and milk. She has not tasted gin since. The only comment made by the girl now when she speaks of her "monkey life" is: "The skin fitted me so tightly that it hurt my head, and oh! how tired it used to make me to wag my tail." Then she says that every time she sees a monkey on an organ, she always wonders whether it is real, or a child disguised to represent a monkey. Many of the officials of the Salvation Army who were seen recollect the girl, who was called "Chrise." She is still being educated at the expense of the army, and, it is stated, is already an expert pianist and an accomplished linguist. She is now 13 years of age.

FIGHT IN A HOME.

George Barnard, a stout, robust lad, an inmate of Mr. Wheatley's St. Giles's Christian Mission, pleaded guilty at the Criminal Court to the manslaughter of another boy inmate.—Mr. Randolph prosecuted, and Mr. Purcell appeared for the boy.—It appeared that on Dec. 16 a quarrel took place between the lads, and that deceased challenged Burnard to fight, but he excused himself, saying that Mr. Wheatley had forbidden his doing so. This was not a fact, and early the next morning prisoner seemed to have been accused of cowardice by the other lads. When, therefore, deceased entered the room he immediately struck him. A fight ensued, and deceased was knocked down, sustaining injuries to the brain from which he died.—Mr. Randolph said the fight was

A FAIR STAND-UP ONE.

—Justice Hawkins: Do you mean by that to encourage stand-up fights in the home?—Mr. Randolph: Certainly not. I only thought it right to inform your lordship of the fact.—Justice Hawkins: After reading the depositions, it occurred to me that there was very little supervision exercised that morning.—Mr. Purcell explained that the fight occupied a short time, and that the lad was fatally injured before the superintendent, who had been sent for, could arrive.—Justice Hawkins said he could not let the boy off. If he were not to punish him it would be said that he encouraged this sort of thing. Two months' hard labour.

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GORED TO DEATH.

A CIRCUS ELEPHANT TURNS ON A FORMER TRAINER.

An ex-circus trainer named A. A. Baker met with a terrible death on Jan. 10 in one of the stables attached to Sanger's Circus, at Dalston, by being gored to death by a huge male elephant. Baker, who had been trainer to the elephant for 9 months, was on a visit to his old circus friends, and on the evening of Jan. 9 was in the company of a young man named Tottenham, the animal's present trainer. Baker walked into the stable at the time Tottenham was feeding his charge, and began talking to him about some camels which Mr. Sanger had engaged him to take to the Canterbury, when the elephant suddenly wheeled round, rushed at him, and pinned him to the wall. Tottenham shouted to the animal, which withdrew from the attack for a moment, but immediately made another rush, one of its tusks crushing through Baker's skull. The trainer secured a heavy cudgel, and, with shouts and blows, drove the elephant off, and managed to get to his companion, whose body was

SHOCKINGLY GORED.

He carried him with great difficulty out of the stable, and a messenger was sent for a doctor, but when he arrived the unfortunate man was dead. Upon examination of the body, the poor fellow was found to have been shockingly injured. His skull was smashed in two places, and portions of the brain protruded from the wounds. In an interview, one of the men employed at the circus said the elephant, which was usually of an extremely quiet and docile disposition, had evidently nursed a grudge against his old attendant, and that the moment he heard Baker's voice he made a rush at the man, with the intention of paying off old scores. Tottenham says, in spite of the terrible occurrence of Jan. 10, he has not the slightest fear of "Charlie," as the animal is called. Baker was a native of Hastings, and was keeper to a number of elephants at a stationary circus there. He left about a year ago, and since then has been engaged in travelling circus work.

EVIDENCE AT THE INQUEST.

Dr. Westcott held the inquiry at Hackney on Allen Alfred Baker, 27, elephant trainer.—John Kellingback, alias Tottenham, stated that he was an elephant trainer and keeper in the employ of Lord George Sanger. Witness had only held the post 10 months, having succeeded deceased, who had had charge of the elephant for over 4 years. The elephants were stabled at Bentley-rd., Kingsland. The elephant Charlie, who killed the man, was 38 years of age, and was of a quiet and docile disposition. On Sunday, between 5 and 6 p.m., witness was feeding the animals. He threw some hay to Charlie, who had chains on two legs, when Baker came in. He said to witness, "Are you coming to tea?" but no sooner had he spoken than Charlie rushed at him and jammed him against the wall with his tusks. One tusk seemed to enter his head near the ear.—By the Coroner: Witness was of opinion that the elephant recognised the voice of his old keeper, and owed him a grudge for some old cruelty. Baker had not seen the elephant for 10 months.—Coroner: Have you heard that the elephant ever attacked anyone else before? No, never; he was as quiet as a child.

THE PROPRIETOR'S STORY.

—Mr. G. Sanger, proprietor of the circus, stated that he had had the elephant 31 years. He was of the Indian species, and was about 9 years old when imported. Deceased man had charge of the elephants for about 4 years. It was one of the quietest animals ever shown. Witness agreed with Tottenham as to the act being the result of an old-standing grudge. Witness added that elephants had very retentive memories, and never forgot an injury. This particular elephant had been in five Lord Mayors' shows, and had been in the habit of playing with children without showing the slightest signs of passion.—Dr. Josiah Toye, house surgeon at the Metropolitan Hospital, stated that deceased was admitted suffering from a lacerated wound on the left side of the head. There was a fracture of the skull, and the brains were protruding. He died three hours after admission, from hemorrhage and fracture of the skull.—Verdict, death by misadventure.

CHOLERA ON A TRANSPORT.

Another death—the sixth—from cholera occurred on the transport Nubia at Plymouth this week, but the precautions taken by the port medical officers to prevent the spread of the disease from the liner to the shore have proved successful. Dr. Bulstrode expresses great admiration for the manner in which the local authorities acted in disinfecting the ship, and for the excellent arrangements made by Dr. Williams, medical officer of health. He adds that there is little fear of the disease spreading to the shore, and no danger in allowing passengers to land, provided the instructions given them were adhered to, that they should report themselves to a medical man directly they reached their homes. All the troops on board the Nubia were disembarked, taken to Mount Batten, and then marched along the military road to Staddon Heights, a commanding position overlooking Plymouth Sound, and far removed from any inhabited place. The men who lately occupied that fort were removed, and only those landed from the Nubia allowed to remain there. A military cordon has been established around the fort at Staddon Heights to prevent the men from getting outside the lines. The Nubia was afterwards cleared and taken to Gravesend, where she received pratique. The yellow flag was hauled down, amid cheers, and the vessel taken into dock.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

The arbitration treaty was signed this week. It may, perhaps, assist the reader to grasp the somewhat complicated scheme of the treaty if we summarise its leading provisions:—

I. Claims under £100,000.—To be settled finally, by a majority decision of the First Court, without appeal.

II. Claims above £100,000, and other disputes, except territorial.—To be settled finally by First Court, if unanimous. Otherwise, to be settled finally on appeal, by a majority decision of the Second Court.

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A BRIGHTON ENGAGEMENT.

SEQUEL IN THE QUEEN'S BENCH COURT THIS WEEK.

In the Queen's Bench Division, Justice Kennedy and a common jury heard the case of Sizer v. Murray. Frances Alice Sizer brought an action against Oscar Murray for breach of promise of marriage, promises which were made on certain dates in 1892-4-5-6. Defendant denied the promise on the first-named date.—Mr. Wallace, in opening the case, said that the original promise was made in 1889, which defendant alleged was broken off by plaintiff in 1892, and was never afterwards renewed. It was in regard to this breaking off and the subsequent promises that the jury had to consider the issue. Plaintiff at the commencement of the acquaintance of the defendant was 23 years of age and had been

PREPARING FOR A MUSICAL CAREER.

She went to Brighton for her health, and while there met defendant. After two or three months' acquaintance they became engaged. In May, 1889, defendant wrote:—

My own dearest Alice,—Although very little has been said about our engagement, yet I do not quite like the look of things. I fear there is a storm brewing. My engagement to you has caused them (the family with whom he was living, named Reed) most bitter disappointment, because it has upset their plans.

This family, counsel suggested, had considerable control over defendant, and did not wish him to marry plaintiff. Consent to the engagement was given by plaintiff's mother, to whom defendant said he had an income of £300 a year and some property. In consequence of defendant's request, plaintiff gave up all idea of adopting the profession she had trained for, because he said plaintiff would find sufficient occupation in playing to him. There were some 800 letters which passed between them, and from some of these extracts were read. The first engagement was broken off by plaintiff herself, but afterwards in 1891 he went down to Brighton, where she lived, and said that he would marry plaintiff immediately he sold some of his property. At the beginning of the next year, however, defendant wrote that he sincerely hoped the marriage would take place some time in the following year. In consequence plaintiff wrote strongly to him and received a reply—"I will marry you to-night, darling, if you like. I mean, dear, I will withdraw all I have said about our marriage being postponed." Going on to refer to

THE MILLSTONE OF DEBT

he had round his neck, defendant promised to pay plaintiff a visit, but instead went off to Yorkshire with the Reeds. She expostulated with him and afterwards, on May 10, 1892, wrote:—"Dear Mr. Murray," expressing her wish to break off the engagement and the fact that all her friends thought he had acted in a most dishonourable manner by breaking every promise he had made, and signing herself, "Yours truly." Defendant answered this letter, telling plaintiff, if she wanted to write to him again, to address him at the National Conservative Club. After this date correspondence passed between the parties, but what their exact position towards each other was counsel could not say, for they addressed each other as "Dear Mr. Murray" and "Dear Miss Sizer." This continued until January, 1894, when defendant asked plaintiff to marry him in 12 months' time, to which she agreed, and after this it became "Dear Oscar" and "My dearest Alice." When this period had elapsed plaintiff was ill. In the August following defendant wrote, "Whatever is the matter with you? I have not heard from you for two weeks," and "please write me a nice long letter." Coming to January, 1896, the whole parties concerned discussed the marriage in the presence of the plaintiff's mother, because the question of their

DIFFERENT CREEDS

cropped up, defendant being a Roman Catholic and plaintiff a Protestant. The marriage was fixed for the following October, and this, said Mr. Wallace, was a distinct promise, but soon afterwards defendant went down to Brighton, and told plaintiff he could not marry her in October, intimating that he had made no such promise. At this plaintiff got angry, and taking off her engagement ring, threw it on the table, saying she could not go on in the way they had been doing. No doubt the relations were strained between them, and defendant at this visit said he was going back to town the following morning (Monday). As a matter of fact, he did not leave until the following Tuesday, as plaintiff afterwards found out. After this proceedings were commenced, and on receiving the writ defendant wrote denying any promise of marriage.—Plaintiff (now living at Brighton), in the witness-box, bore out counsel's statement.—Cross-examined: Defendant had said she would have enough to do to play to him.—Counsel: Was not your lover as deaf as a post? No, certainly no, not nearly. She, however, afterwards admitted defendant was deaf. Plaintiff added that before she had met Mr. Murray she had performed frequently in public.—After the luncheon adjournment, counsel announced that an agreement had been arrived at, and defendant would submit to a verdict for plaintiff, with costs and £200 damages.—Judgment accordingly.

NEW CHANCERY JUDGE.

Mr. Byrne, Q.C., has been appointed one of her Majesty's judges in the Chancery Division of the High Court, the vacancy having arisen by the recent elevation of Lord Justice Chitty. Mr. Byrne is M.P. for the Walthamstow Division of Essex, and has had for some years the leading practice in the Chancery Court lately presided over by Lord Justice Chitty. We understand that Mr. T. R. Dewar, London managing partner of the firm of Messrs. J. Dewar and Sons, distillers, of Perth, will be the Unionist candidate for Walthamstow.

A PRECOCIOUS YOUTH.

At Whitechapel County Court, a solicitor's clerk appeared on behalf of his employer's client.—Judge Bacon: Who are you?—The Lad (proudly): I'm a solicitor's clerk.—Judge Bacon: Well, I can't hear you.—Lad: I'm sorry, but I can't talk any louder. (Laughter). — Judge Bacon: I don't mean that I can't hear you physically, but the law forbids me to listen to a solicitor's clerk.—Lad: Oh, I see.

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GAOL TRAGEDY.

THE DEAD BABY CARRIED BY THE MOTHER IN HER BOSOM.

Mary Hamilton's baby, born under sensational circumstances in Holloway Prison, was the subject of an inquest by Coroner Thomas.—The mother, it will be remembered, has been charged before Mr. Bennett at Marylebone Police Court with attempting to burglariously enter the house of Mr. Joseph Jacobs, Hemstall-rd., West Hampstead.—The magistrate dismissed the case. Half a pint of carbolic acid was found in her possession and letters showing great distress of mind. It was stated that Miss Hamilton, whose parents reside in Scotland, had been under the protection of a gentleman whom she sued for breach of promise, and from whom damages were recovered, which she refused to accept until poverty compelled her. Further, it was mentioned that the gentleman was prepared to enter into a deed allowing her £1 a week for life. Subsequently the dead body of her child was found in her possession. Charged with concealment of birth, she was taken back to Holloway, where she is now suffering from puerperal fever, and is reported to be in a precarious condition.—Mr. Hope represented Miss Hamilton.

A FRIEND'S STORY.

—Mrs. Ann Devereaux, widow, of Englefield-rd., Islington, the first witness called, said she was a friend of Miss Hamilton. After the latter had left the police court witness accompanied her straight to the York Baths, near the Marylebone-rd. Witness advised her to have her dirty linen destroyed at the baths, when she replied, "I cannot do that. I have had a baby at Holloway Prison while I was under remand." She handed witness a parcel of linen in which was found deceased child. She told her that she had carried the child wrapped in her bosom. Having had her bath, witness accompanied Miss Hamilton in a cab to the police station, where the latter was charged with concealment of the birth.—Coroner: Did she make any further statement to you? —Witness: I asked her how it happened. She replied, "I was taken very bad in the night and the pain was so great that I lost my senses. When I came too I found a little wee baby. I touched it, but it never moved. I put it in my bosom, and I thought I would bury it when I got home."—Coroner: When did she say the birth occurred?—Witness: On Thursday, Dec. 31, after she got back to the Holloway Prison from being remanded at the police court.

DOCTOR'S DISCOVERIES.

—Dr. A. Head, 15, John-st., Edgware-rd., police divisional surgeon, who examined the child, said that on Jan. 7 the child had been dead quite a week. It was very much decomposed. He had since made an autopsy. The tongue was protruding. There was a strip of petticoat wrapped round the neck. A piece of ticking was tied tightly round the wrist, elbow, and knee, cutting the flesh to the bone. The birth was a natural one, and the child had clearly lived. Death was due to hemorrhage from neglect at birth. His belief was that the infant had lived a quarter of an hour. The doctor added that the body bore no marks of violence whatever. Miss Hamilton told him the child was born on Thursday, Dec. 31. The immediate cause of death was syncope.—The jury found that death was the result of accidental circumstances attending the birth.

BREACH OF PROMISE.

At Cardiff, the Under-sheriff sat for the purpose of assessing damages in a breach of promise case.—Plaintiff was Miss Isabel Annie Thompson, dressmaker, Cambridge-rd., and defendant a plumber, named Henry Rees.—Counsel stated that the parties had been engaged from the time they were children—indeed, from when plaintiff was 14 or 15 and defendant 16 or 17. They were engaged as sweethearts till 1890, when defendant emigrated to Australia. While there he wrote plaintiff affectionate letters, begging her still to regard him as her betrothed. In February, 1896, he returned and met plaintiff by appointment at Cardiff. He ratified the engagement, and promised to marry her as soon as he could settle down and get a business. Some time afterwards, however, he asked to be released, and said his love for her was that of a brother to a sister, and he named another lady.—Defendant said he was now apprenticed to a plumber, and his wages were only 4s. a week, and he was living at the house of his mother-in-law.—Damages £40.

ABDUCTION CHARGE.

Jack Brown, of 21, River-st., Islington, stood in the dock at Clerkenwell to answer a charge of abduction. According to the story told by Mr. F. Jones, who prosecuted on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, prosecutrix—a Miss Kezia Spring—until March last was living with her parents in Sandwich-st., St. Pancras. About that time she met prisoner casually, and a friendship sprang up between them. They walked out together, and at the beginning of May Brown spoke to her about marriage, adding that he would like to take her with him to Nottingham. She consented to marry him and go. On May 2, however, Brown told the girl that there was

NO TIME TO GET MARRIED,

and at his suggestion they left London together. He told her that the marriage would take place later, and for a month prisoner and prosecutrix lived at Nottingham. They afterwards journeyed to Yarmouth, from which place the girl went to London to visit her parents. The day following her arrival in London prosecutrix received a letter from prisoner, stating that he was going to America, and did not wish to see her any more. Nothing was heard of Brown for some months, until prosecutrix met him in Islington, where she ascertained he was residing.—Prosecutrix, a smart-looking girl, who said she would not be 17 until July 31 next, gave evidence. —Mr. Moore, who appeared for defendant, having cross-examined prosecutrix as to her behaviour prior to her leaving London, Mr. Jones said he felt some difficulty in continuing the case.—At the suggestion of Mr. Smith, accused was remanded on bail.

Mrs. Anne McLoughlin has died at Limavady, co. Londonderry, aged 112. She is believed to have been the oldest subject of her Majesty in the British Isles.

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CARPENTER AND LANDLADY.

PRISONER'S STRANGE LETTER TO THE CORONER: VERDICT.

The Lambeth shooting case was before Justice Hawkins at the Old Bailey this week. Prisoner, Thomas Watts, 56, carpenter, was charged with shooting at Margaret Low, the landlady of the Surrey Arms, with intent to kill her. The two, said counsel, had been on familiar terms, but they disagreed a few weeks ago. On Dec. 29 prisoner went to the house and tried to force his way in. A son of the landlady bolted the door, but prisoner stood by the window, and fired 5 shots with a revolver at Mrs. Low, who was in the kitchen. Fortunately for prisoner, none of the shots struck her, though the 5 were found embedded in the wall near where she had been standing. He said, "I intended to shoot her first and myself afterwards."

STRANGE LETTER TO THE CORONER.

A letter was found on him addressed to the coroner, saying:—

I cohabited with her as my wife for 2 years, and truly loved her, and gave her £200 and worked for her without wages, and now she has acted disgracefully by getting me bound over, and I have wasted away to a shadow. I am unable to go out without being followed by the police, and I have resolved to put an end to it.

The landlady denied that the letter was true. Prisoner had only managed the business for her.

THE OLD STORY.

—Prisoner said it was the "old story." He was formerly in a good position, and at one time was in the police force and rose to the ranks of an inspector. He had come down in the world, had been ill, and was so unsettled in mind that he did not know what he was doing when he shot at prosecutrix.—He was found guilty of shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm, under great provocation.—Sentence postponed.

THE SKIRT OF PLENTY.

Harriet Masters, 19, flower girl, was sentenced at Newington Sessions to 18 months' hard labour for stealing a quantity of drapery and provisions, which she had tucked up in her skirt, in the Old Kent-road. The garment fell down, and the stolen articles were scattered upon the pavement. Prisoner was sentenced to a further period of 3 months' hard labour on a previous conviction for stabbing her sweetheart and assaulting Det. Caban. In October she was released upon recognisances to come up for judgment on those charges if called upon. Accused, who was very impudent in court, said she could do the lot upon her head.

The Queen's "Diamond Jubilee" celebration is already in sight. That is to say, the G.W. Railway people have commenced to make preparations at their Windsor Station, while the royal equipages to be used on the occasion are also being overhauled.

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

The deaths registered last week in 33 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 19.4 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 10,992,324 persons in the middle of this year.

In London 2,717 births and 1,580 deaths were registered.

Allowing for increase of population, the births were 238, and the deaths 636, below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last 10 years.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes, which had been 17.2, 15.1, and 20.8 in the preceding 3 weeks, fell again last week to 18.5.

During the 4 weeks ending on Jan. 9 the death-rate averaged 17.9 per 1,000, being 5.4 per 1,000 below the mean rate in the corresponding periods of the 10 years 1887-96.

The deaths attributed directly to influenza numbered 12, having been 8, 10, and 14 in the preceding 3 weeks.

Different forms of violence caused 89 deaths, concerning all but 2 of which inquests were held.

In Greater London 3,761 births and 2,064 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 31.2 and 17.1 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

Sir J. Lister, on being raised to the peerage, has selected the title of Lord Lister.

Mr. H. Lawson, editor and colonist, pioneer of journalism in Canada, has just died.

A child was severely burned this week at a model lodging-house in Goulston-st., Whitechapel.

Lieut.-col. Henderson's appointment as Professor of Military Art and History at the Staff College has been extended till the end of 1899.

The members of the Birmingham and Midland Institute at their annual meeting elected Mr. F. Harrison as president for the ensuing year.

The rumour that the Czar and Czarina will visit Rome, Naples, and Sicily in the coming spring is gaining credit.

Sir H. J. Preston, Bart., has died at Northrepps, Norfolk, from blood poisoning, aged 45. He was formerly an oarsman in the Oxford crew.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has expressed his intention of holding his first confirmation service at the parish church, Croydon, in March next.

A person who saw Sir H. Irving a day or two ago says that there is no hope of his being allowed to act again for at least a month or 6 weeks from now.

An English syndicate is reported to have received the option of purchasing 6 breweries at Toledo, U.S.A., which have an aggregate capital of over 1,000,000dols.

A public subscription fund will be opened on behalf of the widows and orphans of the 5 men killed by the explosion at Broad Oak Colliery, S. Wales.

The ironfounders of Lancashire have refused an offer of the Manchester Board of Conciliation to arbitrate in the spindle and flymakers' dispute. The hands have now been out on strike 24 weeks.

The committee of the Leyton Public Library having recommended that that institution should be opened on Sundays, the matter has been considered by the district council, with the result that the proposal was negatived by 13 votes to 8.

Mr. J. J. Bibby, who a few decades ago was one of the most prominent figures in Liverpool shipping and commerce, has passed away at the age of 84. He was the founder of the old Bibby line, which afterwards became the Leyland line.

The Prince of Wales has signified his readiness to present Dr. Nansen with the special gold medal awarded to him by the Royal Geographical Society. The presentation will be made at the meeting of the society to be held in the Royal Albert Hall on Feb. 8.

At Lowestoft the smack Early Blossom landed a huge octopus. The creature got entangled in the trawl net near the Leman Sands. When raised on to the deck of the vessel it had to be despatched with axes. It scaled 3cwt., and measured 11ft. in length.

The King of the Belgians intends to offer a prize of £1,000 for the best essay upon the meteorological, hydrological, and geological conditions of Equatorial Africa, considered from a sanitary point of view. July 1 is named as the date before which the essays are to be completed.

The Lord Mayor presided at a Grand Wardmote held in the Guildhall, when the presentments of the several wardmotes held on St. Thomas's Day were presented. In the evening the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained a number of the officers of the Corporation and others at the Mansion House.

The celebrated painter Karl Koechling has just finished a large oil painting from a sketch and details furnished by Kaiser Wilhelm. It is destined for the mess saloon of the Officers' Club of the 1st Guards Regiment. The painting depicts the attack of the regiment on St. Privat on the evening of Aug. 18, 1870.

At Horley a horse belonging to a butcher named Warran, and driven by his man, bolted and ran into a railway crossing. The gates were closed to allow an express Brighton train to pass. The horse was killed, and the man was pitched on to the metals, but was able to get clear before the train passed. His injuries are not serious.

Another link with the past has been snapped by the death of Mr. T. P. Howe, a member of the Royal College of Preceptors, who was chosen out of 85 candidates in 1840 as headmaster of Christ's Hospital, Ipswich, when the old foundation school was moved to new buildings. Mr. Howe, who was a capital specimen of the old-fashioned schoolmaster, was thought highly of by Chief Baron Kelly, one of the trustees of the school, and had the confidence of the leading inhabitants of Ipswich, many of whom had passed under his hands.

As many as 11 men, privates and sergeants, whose deaths had been officially announced by the military authorities, were among the batch of prisoners who arrived in Italy from Abyssinia the other day. The families of these men had gone into mourning, and had had masses said for them. After a long period of grief they read in the newspapers the list of prisoners who were returning, telegraphed from Massowah. The joy of those families who thus found their dead restored to life may be more easily imagined than described.

The Damara has arrived at Halifax (N.S.), towing the disabled steamer Durham.

Wm. Wilcox, publican, of Warminster, Wilts, has been found dead on the railway about 2 miles from the town, his body being mangled in a shocking manner.

Lord Justice Chitty took his seat in the Appeal Court for the first time this week. The other judges on the bench were the Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Lopes.

Drs. de la Jarrige and Boisleux have been committed for trial in Paris on the charge of causing the death of Miss Thomson by performing an illegal operation.

Herr Krupp, the great gun manufacturer, has dismissed all foreign workmen and officials from his employ, to prevent any possible betrayal of secrets to foreign Governments.

Both the Woolwich and Plumstead local authorities have decided to withdraw their opposition to the scheme of the military authorities to use Bostal Heath and Woods for military purposes.

Mr. Green, bandmaster of the Duke of York's School, has been appointed bandmaster to the Royal Marine Artillery, in succession to Mr. A. Williams, appointed to the Grenadier Guards.

The "Voltaire" says it is certain that M. Cambon, Governor of Algeria, will succeed Baron de Courcel as French Ambassador to Great Britain. M. Cambon would be succeeded by M. Jounart.

Summonses heard at Stratford against Harry Lane, the landlord of the Half-way House, Leytonstone, for permitting betting, and Walter Croote, for using the house for that purpose, were dismissed, the defence establishing an alibi.

The inquiry held at Wellington into the stranding of the British steamer Ruapehu, which went ashore on the 3rd inst. in Cork Strait, has resulted in the captain's certificate being suspended for 3 months. The fourth officer was censured by the court.

The Duke of Norfolk a short time ago generously provided Arundel with a splendid water supply. Negotiations between the duke and the local authorities have now resulted in the formulation of a scheme for extending this supply to Littlehampton.

At Northampton in 1793, 1822, and 1865, a Mr. Osborn was mayor, the 3 being respectively grandfather, father, and son. Mr. T. Osborn, the last of the three, who has just died, remembered his grandfather very well, whose birth took place in 1745.

The Prince de Chimay's petition for divorce will come before the Charleroi tribunal on the 19th. The proceedings will, however, take place "in camera," the reason given being that the details of the case are "too sensational."

A sale of antique silver, belonging to Lord Rosslyn, is to be held at Edinburgh at the end of the present month. It will include dinner services bearing date marks from 1745, racing and hunting cups, including one Ascot Gold Cup, weighing 120oz. of 18 carat, and rare old Monteith and wassail bowls from 1698 to 1720.

The death is announced of Brigade-surg. J. S. Conyers, M.D., who joined the Army Medical Service in 1868 and served in the Ashanti war of 1873 and 1874, at the battles of Amoaful and Ordahsu, the capture of Becquah, and also of Kumasi. He retired in 1884, and died in Demerara on the 20th ult., in his 55th year.

Pezon, the proprietor of the well-known French menagerie, who was seriously injured while exercising his favourite lioness Saida, although not yet quite well, persists in going through his performance, and does it in so savage a manner that the audiences protest, fearing that he may again be attacked by the fierce Saida.

The committee of the 1900 Exhibition in Paris have already decided upon 2 of the principal attractions, namely, the proposal of M. Reclus to construct a vast scientific and dioramic globe of the world, and the proposal of a mining syndicate to show a miniature mine in full working order.

The Board of Trade summary of railway accidents and casualties reported as having occurred in the United Kingdom during the first 9 months of 1896 was issued this week. It states that 726 persons were killed and 4,183 injured, as against 748 killed and 2,902 injured during the same period in 1895.

The petition of parishioners of Westminster for the incorporation of the parish was presented this week to the Lord President of the Privy Council by a deputation of the executive committee, who were informed that the object of the petition would be advertised and dealt with in the ordinary way.

Very encouraging is the annual report of the Islington Labour Bureau. It seems that for the expenditure of £227 more or less the trifling sum of £227 more or less permanent employment has been found for just 40 per cent. of the 3,628 applicants whose names were placed upon the books. The effect this has on the statistics of pauperism it is easy to estimate.

A sad cycling accident has happened at Nice. An Austrian doctor named Von Kreitch went to one of the cycling schools for a riding lesson. After he had gone round two or three times he felt unwell and dismounted. He then fell to the ground, and died almost immediately. The cause of death was the rupture of a vessel in the brain. He was over 60.

As a result of the cab strike in New York, the city is promised the almost immediate introduction of horseless carriages. The New York Cab Co. have a vehicle with compressed air as the motive power, and they claim for it many improvements over carriages that have been shown in London. Among other things it can, they say, be charged to run 24 hours. Air-motors are now greatly in favour in New York, and it seems likely they may supersede electric and cable cars.

Mr. F. J. Horniman, M.P., presented the Bishop of Truro and the Mayor of Falmouth with the title deeds of the advowson of the Falmouth rector's rate. The event created great interest throughout the country. Through an Act of Charles II. the inhabitants have been saddled with a rector's rate of 1s. 4d. in the pound. Negotiations between the owners of the advowson and Mr. Horniman have resulted in a new Act of Parliament being passed, Mr. Horniman having paid £6,000 to the owners of the advowson and all the Parliamentary expenses.

The Spanish Government have placed an order for 16 torpedo-boat destroyers with Messrs. Thomson, of Clydebank.

The chorus and subordinate artists thrown out of work by the sudden stoppage of "The Pilgrim's Progress" are appealing for a benefit.

At Bristol Sessions, William Price, the youth charged with the murder of his sister Mabel at Avonmouth, was again remanded.

The Empress Frederick will go to Kiel in the course of the month, to be present at the baptism of Prince and Princess Henry's youngest son.

President Faure has taken the initiative in establishing an Old-Age Pension Fund, and has personally contributed a sum of 100,000fr.

The steamer Gulf of Siam stranded south of Portpatrick Harbour, on the Wigtownshire coast, during a fog. She was safely floated off in the afternoon, and proceeded for the Clyde.

Miss E. Robins is continuing her crusade in favour of the "advanced" drama, and she proposes next month to give a series of 5 afternoon performances of the "Mariana" of Echegaray.

There is no truth in the report published that Judge Bristowe has resigned Southwark County Court. His honour is, however, unwell, and has been advised not to sit again until after Easter.

Archbishop Temple held his primary ordination in Canterbury Cathedral this week. The Dean preached the ordination sermon, after which the candidates were presented by the Bishop of Dover.

Miss A. Dairolles, a young actress who has won for herself an excellent position in the Haymarket and other companies, is about to be married to Mr. W. J. Fisher, assistant editor of the "Daily Chronicle." The lady will not abandon her stage career.

While Mrs. M'Donald, Back Sauchers, Kinrossie, aged between 65 and 70, was driving into Perth the horse shied at the top of the road at Scone village, and she was thrown to the ground. The old lady died a few hours later.

The date of Mr. Gladstone's departure for Cannes has not been decided upon. Mr. H. Gladstone, speaking at the annual Hawarden rent dinner this week, remarked that both Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone were well, strong, and hearty.

A reporting and typewriting office has been opened in connection with the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, "for the sole use and convenience of the clergy, societies, and members of the Church of England."

A fire broke out in the Fens, Bannockburn, which was tenanted by a Mrs. Keith, an old lady of 70. The neighbours were immediately aroused, but on effecting an entrance they found the woman lying dead on the floor, having apparently been suffocated.

At Middlesbrough, the Cleveland miners applied to their employers for an advance of 7½ per cent. in wages. The masters offered 2½ per cent. in 3 months, or 3¾ per cent. in 5 or 6 months; and the meeting was adjourned to enable the men to consider that offer.

Two labourers named Alexander Stewart and John Richards, who belong to Derby, but had been working at the erection of the Eiffel Tower at New Brighton, were killed by the fall of a large iron girder, owing, it is alleged, to the breaking of a crane chain hook.

Dr. Jameson continues to make slow but satisfactory progress towards recovery. He is still too weak to get about, but has been able to take driving exercise once since his arrival at South-st. It is improbable that he will be able to leave town for some time to come.

This week, in view of the match with Woolwich Arsenal, the Millwall football team were staying at Purfleet. At night, about 10.30, they were going through a course of exercise when the trainer, William Wheeler, suddenly fell down, and expired almost immediately.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has consented to preside over a great demonstration, under the auspices of the National Temperance League, to be held in the Queen's Hall, on May 21, to commemorate the progress of the temperance movement during the Queen's reign.

Special arrangements are before the Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral with regard to the enthronement of the Bishop of London on Jan. 30, to ensure a larger representation of the lay element at the ceremonial, which will conclude with a celebration of the Holy Communion by the new bishop.

The coroner's inquiry as to the death of 5 men in the recent explosion at the Broadoak Colliery, Loughor, South Wales, was concluded this week. The jury found that the explosion was due to the opening of a lamp by Lewes, one of the miners killed, but they exonerated Lewes from culpable negligence.

A meeting of Scottish feeders and breeders was held in Edinburgh, when a Scottish National fat stock club was provisionally formed. It was resolved, contingent on sufficient support being received, to hold an annual show in Edinburgh in the week preceding the Smithfield Club Show.

Lady Henry Somerset met with an accident while driving near Westminster Bridge. A runaway van came into sharp collision with her carriage, and she sustained a somewhat severe contusion on the forehead. She was conveyed to Canon Wilberforce's house in Dean's Yard.

A syndicate, of which Sir F. Evans, M.P., and Sir J. Blundell Maple, M.P., are members, has undertaken the erection of a great hotel in the finest part of the Champs Elysees in Paris. The site has been secured, and it is anticipated that the hotel—which is to be called the Elysee Palace Hotel—will be completed in less than 2 years.

The secretary to the Victoria Hospital for Children at Chelsea has received from the Maharajah of Bhartpur and the Nawab of Bahawalpur letters promising donations of 1,000 rupees each to the fund now being raised for the Imperial fête which is to be held in June for the hospital's benefit at the Botanic Society's Gardens, Regent's Park.

In the Chancery Division, Justice Romer heard the petition of a creditor for £11,000 for the winding-up of the W. Australian Gold District Trading Corporation. His lordship ordered the petition to stand over for a fortnight, and appointed the Official Receiver provisional liquidator, without prejudice to the rights and duties of the receiver in a debenture holder's action.

Dr. D. Fraser, deputy coroner of Totnes, died this week, aged 45.

The death is announced of the Dowager Empress Asako of Japan.

The Melbourne Clearing House returns for 1896 exceed those of 1895 by £9,000,000.

Carrickfergus Railway Station, on the Belfast and Northern Counties line, has been totally destroyed by fire.

An inquest was held at Cranleigh, near Guildford, on a watchmaker named Holder, who shot himself. Deceased had been very depressed since losing his savings in the Liberator.

Mr. William Giles was killed when bravely trying to stop a runaway horse at Nutfield. Deceased was manager of the Surrey Fuller's Earth Co. Verdict, accidental death.

The Russian Academy of Science has elected Lord Kelvin an honorary member, and Lord Rayleigh and Prof. Bury, of Dublin University, corresponding members.

Vauxhall Bridge was this week re-opened for vehicular traffic, the slight breach or subsidence in the carriage-way on the Pimlico side which occurred last week having been repaired.

In connection with the bi-centenary of the reigning family of Montenegro, the postal authorities intend to make a new issue of artistically-designed postage stamps.

The Bank of Victoria has given notice that in April it will pay one-tenth of all deferred deposits maturing in 1898, 1899, 1900, and 1905, making 40 per cent. repaid altogether.

Jack Miller, the huntsman of the Weston-super-Mare Harriers, met his death in the hunting field. His horse stumbled over a rail fence and threw the rider, who sustained a fractured skull. Death was instantaneous.

While Capt. Page, of the steamer Abbothall, was being pulled ashore at Kirkcaldy in a lifeboat by 2 seamen a heavy sea struck the boat and threw the 3 men into the water, one of the seamen being drowned.

Mrs. Musk, "the woman with 2 husbands," has been removed to the infirmary of the Wandsworth and Clapham Union by Mr. Mantle, the relieving officer, prior to her being placed under proper restraint.

James O'Hare, a farmer, has been found murdered in a bog hole near Castle Blayney. The police of Newry are searching for a cousin of the murdered man, who is suspected of the crime.

Mr. Gladstone has written to the Duke of Westminster enrolling himself among the supporters of the Queen's Commemoration Fund on behalf of the Queen's Jubilee Institute for Nurses.

A fire broke out in a back room at 59, Blount-rd., Limehouse-fields. A number of children were asleep in the room, but all were safely rescued with the exception of Jane Coulderstock, 9. She was terribly burned.

The trawler Dahlia reported at Grimsby the loss of a deck hand, and the smack Regulus the loss of a negro cook, both men having been washed overboard during a gale. The damage to fishing vessels is extensive.

The Bishop of Peterborough, in his letter of farewell to the clergy of his late diocese, remarks:—"I can truly say that I have been conscious of no parties, have met with no suspicion, and have always been able to count on your hearty co-operation."

A fire broke out at the Talbot public-house at the corner of Goodge-st., in Tottenham Court rd. Firemen were quickly on the scene, and by prompt action the fire was confined to a small part of the building and soon extinguished.

Mr. J. Watson, of Wakefield, has died very suddenly at the West Parade Wesleyan Chapel. Soon after the service commenced he was seen to faint and fall in his pew. On being removed into the vestibule he died almost immediately.

Christ Church and St. John's Church, Wimbledon, have both been visited by thieves, and some of the contribution boxes have been burst open. Fortunately those rifled contained very little, while the better filled boxes were left untouched.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were amongst the donors to the New Year's gifts to aged widows, at King's Lynn. Each recipient had a very enjoyable tea, with music, singing, and speeches, and ½lb. of tea, 1lb. of sugar, and 1cwt. of coal.

The members of the Law Courts staff were entertained at a supper given by the law officers, Sir R. Webster and Sir R. Finlay, at Anderton's Hotel. Sir R. Webster was present for a time during the evening. The chair was taken by the Superintendent of the Law Courts, Mr. L. Sartoris.

At Whitechapel County Court a case came before Judge Bacon in which it was proved that a man and his wife and 4 children, the youngest aged 9 and the eldest a daughter engaged to be married, all occupied one room for living and sleeping purposes. The rental was 4s. 6d. a week.

The committee having charge of the fund to alleviate the distress caused by the bog slide held their first meeting this week. Kate Donnelly, aged 10, the sole survivor of the Donnelly family, was present. The fund had, it was stated, now reached nearly £300.

The body of David Harper, farmer, Clook, Rendall, Orkney, was found in the sea near his home. He had gone out about 8 o'clock to look after some sheep, and not returning his sister went to look for him, and saw his body floating in the water at the foot of some crags.

In consequence of the threatened strike of benefit club doctors at Beckenham and Penge, a wealthy resident of Beckenham has offered to build and furnish a dispensary at his own expense if the numerous clubs decide to combine and employ their own medical staff.

The Bishop of Southwark has suffered for 3 months with peripheral neuritis. About 6 weeks ago it showed signs of abating, but some heavy days' work renewed it, and he had again to lie by. The bishop's medical advisers, however, now say that after a fortnight's sea air he will be entirely fit for work.

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"IN THE SWIM."
BY A CITY SHARK.

Consequent upon "plague, pestilence, and famine," all Indian securities are tumbling, railway shares being especially out of favour. This is natural enough, as traffic receipts are bound to shrink largely until the unhappy peninsula ceases to be afflicted. Later on, there will be fine opportunities for picking up solid investments in this department, at low prices. But it would be injudicious to take action until the set back has run its course.

Bank shares are in strong demand at higher quotations, as a result of the good dividends just declared by Lloyds and other leading institutions. I take it that they will go still higher in the near future, now that all the surroundings of the situation favour banking business.

The railway dividends so far declared are, on the whole, a bit above market expectations. Some disappointment was caused by the Brighton and Sheffield announcements, although they were as good as could be reasonably anticipated. But big increases of the South-eastern and Great Eastern dividends quickly put "bull" operators into good heart again, and buyers are once more on the feed in a very gay and chirpy manner.

Much to my surprise, the magnificent yield of the Rand gold fields in December, almost a "best on record," did not send quotations up with a run. Punters are waiting, apparently, to see the upshot of the joint endeavours of Mr. Barnato and Mr. J. B. Robinson to bring the Boers to a more reasonable frame of mind. Mr. Barnato appears, from a telegram just received, to have already achieved a large measure of success in obtaining concessions from the Pretoria Government. Other boons are to follow, with the highly satisfactory result that working expenses at the mines will be very substantially diminished in the course of another month or two.

The astonishing quick growth of the Rand industry is strikingly shown in a statistical table just published in "Money." In 1891, the yield was 729,225oz.; next year it jumped to 1,210,865oz.; 1893 gave 1,478,473oz.; in 1894 the outturn amounted to 2,024,159oz.; 1895 followed with another growth to 2,277,655oz.; while last year, in spite of political commotions and the ravages of rinderpest, a "best on record" was achieved with 2,281,874oz. How's that for progress?

The market professed to be greatly disappointed with the dividend declared by the South African Gold Trust. Considering that no less a sum than £423,363 is carried forward, while the whole dividend for last year was 75 per cent., I do not see much reason for dissatisfaction.

MONEY MARKET.

CITY, Saturday.

Consols improved 1-16 for account. Indian Rupee Paper fell ⅛. Foreign Government Securities firm. Italians firm. South American issues dull. Home Rails weak, the majority showing declines. Americans firm and close at their best. Canadians good in tone. Mines neglected. South Africans fluctuated. West Australians dull. Miscellaneous steady. Closing prices: Consols, 112 ⅛; ditto Account, 112⅛ ¼; Two-and-a-Half per Cents., 105⅞ 6; Indian 3½ per Cents., 117 ⅛; ditto 3 per Cents., 109 ⅛; ditto Rupee Paper, 62⅞ 3.

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

Brighton, 195 7	Gt. Western, 178⅝ 7
Do. Df., 180¼ ¾	Hull & Barns., 46 ½
Caledonian, 158 60	Lanc. & Yrks., 153 4
Do. Prf., 99 100	Met'politan, 114 15
Do. Df., 59½ ¾	Do. District, 27¼ ¾
Chatham Ord., 18½ ¾	Midland, 169 ½
Do. Prf., 130½ 1½	N. British, 45¾ 6
Do. 2nd Prf., 74 6	Do. Prf., 83¼ ¾
E. Lon. Cnsldt., 7½ ¾	North-East, 179½ 80
Gt. Eastern, 112¾ 18	Nth.-West., 204½ ¾
Gt. Northern A, 55 7	Sheffield Df., 24 ½
Do. Df., 57½ 8	S.-East. Df., 107¾ 8½
Do. Prf., 123½ 4½	S.-Western, 208 13

FOREIGN BONDS.

Argentine, 1886, 83¾ 4¼	Italian 5 p.c., 90¼ ¾
Do. Funded 23¾ 4¼	Mexican 6's, 95¼ ¾
B. Ayres Water, 67¾ 8¼	Do. Internal, 25½ 6
Brazilian, 1889, 69½ 70	Peruvian Cor., 3 ¼
Do. 1895, 79½ 80½	Do. Prf., 10¾ 11¼
Chilian, 1886, 88 90	Do. Deb., 42½ 3½
Do. 1895, 88 7	Portuguese 1's, 24¾ 5
Do. 1886, 91 2	Russ. 4 p.c., 102¾ 3¼
Egypt. Unified, 104¾ 5¼	Do. 1894, 99¼ 100¼
Do. Scrip, 100½ 1	Spanish 4 p.c., 62 ¼
French 3 p.c., 101 2	Turkish D., 21¼ ½
Do. 3½ p.c., 104½ 5½	Do. 1891, 100 1
German 3 p.c., 97¾ 8¼	Do. 1894, 95 6
Greek, 1881, 28½ 9½	Transvaal 4's, 97 9
Hung'n 1881, 101¾ 2¼	Uruguay 3½'s, 42¾ 3¼

UNITED STATES RAILWAYS.

Atchison, 14½ ⅞	N. York Cen., 96 7
Do. Prf., 24¾ 5¼	Do. & Os., 15¼ ¾
Cen. Pacific, 14 ½	Norf. & Wt. Prf., 17¼ ¾
Chgo. M. & St. P. 77½ ¾	N. Pacific Pf., 24½ 5
Denv. & Rio G., 12 ½	Pennsylvania, 55¼ ½
Do. Prf., 44½ ¾	Ph. & Readg., 13¾ 14¼
Erie, 15¼ ½	Southern Ord., 9¾ 10
Do. Prf., 35 6	Do. Prf., 23 ½
Illinois Cen., 95 6	Union Pacific, 7½ ¾
Lake Shore, 155 7	Wabash Prf., 16½ 17
Louis. & Nash., 51¾ 2	Do. Deb., 23 4
Miss. & Texas, 14¼ ½	

OTHER AMERICAN RAILWAYS, &c.

Argentine Cen., 84½ 5	G. Tnk. 1st Prf., 34½ 5
Do. East, 43 50	Do. 2nd Prf., 19½ 20
B. Ayres Gt. Sn., 137 9	Do. 3rd Prf., 11¼ ¾
Do. & Pacific, 106 8	Do. 4's Gd., 44 ½
Do. Western, 11¾ 12¼	Mexican Ord., 23¾ 4
Do. & Rosario, 17 9	Do. 1st Prf., 85 ½
Canda. Pacific, 57¾ 8¼	Do. 2nd Prf., 38 40
Cordba & Ros., 97 9	Nitrate Rails, 5 ¼
Do. Cent. Prf., 93½ 4½	Uruguay Cen., 81 3
Entre Rios Prf., 2½ ¾	Do. North'n Deb., 103 5
G. Trunk Ord., 5 ¼	W. of Minas Ry., 75 6

MINES AND LAND.

African Est., 1¼ ½	L. & W. Aus. Exp., ⅞ 1⅛
Angelo, 3⅞ ⅛	Do. Invest, 1⅝ ⅞
Anglo-French, 2⅞ 3⅛	Mainland Con., 1⅛ ⅜
Bantjes, 2¼ ½	Mason & Barry, 2¼ ½
Barnato Con., 1⅝ ⅞	May, 2 ¼
Bechuanaland, 1 ⅛	Menzies Mining, ⅝ ⅞
Buffelsdoorn, 1⅝ ⅞	Do. Gold Reef, ⅝ ⅞
Cassel Coal, 1⅜ ⅝	Meyer & Ch., 5⅜ ⅝
Champion Reef, 8⅞ ⅛	Modderfontein, 3¼ ½
Chartered, 2⅝ ⅞	Mount Margaret, ⅞ 1
City and Sub., 3¾ 4¼	Mysore, 8¾ 9
Colonial Finance, 1¾ 2	Nigel, 2⅝ ⅞
Con. Goldfields, 8⅞ 9⅛	Do. Deep, 1⅜ ⅝
Croesus, ⅝ ⅞	Nundydroog, 3⅛ ⅜
Crown Reef, 10¼ ¾	Oceana Land, 1⅛ ⅜
De Beers, 28⅝ 9⅛	Ooregum, 3⅛ ⅜
Durb'n Roodp'te, 5⅝ ⅞	Do. Prf., 3⅜ ⅝
Eastleigh, [illegible]	Orion New, [illegible]
Exploration New, 2⅛ ⅜	Pigg's Pk., [illegible]
Ferreira, 18½ 19½	Porges Rand, 1⅛ ⅜
Geldenhuis, 3⅝ ⅞	Potchefstroom, 80 90
Do. Deep, 4¼ ¾	Primrose, 4 ¼
George Goch, 1½ ¾	Randfontein, 2⅝ ⅞
Glencairn, 2¼ ½	Rand Mines, 24 ½
Golden Crown, 1⅜ ⅝	Do. East 3⅛ ⅜
Goldfields Deep, 7½ ¾	Do. West, 1⅛ ⅜
Gold Trust, 6⅝ ⅞	Rhodesia Exp., 5 ¼
Great Boulders, 7⅝ ⅞	Do. Ltd., 1½ ¾
Hampton Plains, 2⅛ ⅜	Rietfontein New 1⅝ ⅞
Hannan's B'hill, 6¾ 7	Rio Tinto, 26½ ¾
Henry Nourse, 6½ ¾	Robinson, 8⅝ ⅞
Heriot, 7⅜ ⅝	Roodepoort Deep, 1⅛ ⅜
Hyderabad Dec., 3¾ 4¼	Do. United, 3⅞ 4⅛
Jagersfontein, 9¼ ¾	Salisbury, 2¾ 3
Joh'nsbg. Inv., 2⅝ ⅞	Simmer & Jack 4¼ ¾
Jubilee, 6⅞ 7⅛	Spes Bona, ¾ 1
Jumpers, 4½ ¾	Steyne Estates, 1⅛ ⅜
Kent Coal Ord., 3⅞ 4⅛	Transvaal Gold, 4⅛ ⅜
Do. Prf., 3⅞ 4⅛	Van Ryn, 3⅝ ⅞
Kleinfontein, 2⅝ ⅞	Village M. R., 5 ¼
Klerksdorp, 80 85	Violets, ⅝ ⅞
Knights, 4⅝ ⅞	Waihi, 6⅞ 7⅛
Lady Loch, 1⅛ ⅜	With. Nations, ⅞ 1⅛
Lady Brenton, 1⅞ 2⅛	Wemmer, 7¼ ½
Lake View, 7½ ¾	Wentworth, [illegible]
Langlaagte, 4¼	White Feather, 1⅝ ⅞
Do. Block B, 1 ¼	W. Austr. Gold, 3⅝ ⅞
Do. Royal, 4⅝ ⅞	Do. Con., ⅝ ⅞
Lisbon-Berlyn, 50 55	Do. Expl., ⅞ 1⅛
Lon. & Globe Fin., 4⅝ ¾	Welhater, 4⅝ ⅞
Lon. & Paris, ⅝ ⅞	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Aerated Bread, 9¾ 10¼	Harrod's Stores, 6¾ 7¼
Allsopps, Ord., 176½ 7½	Impl. Cttnm., 12⅝ ⅞
Do. Prf., 160 3	Incan. Gas, Aug., 2⅛ ⅜
Ang-Amer. Ord. 5⅝ 6	Do. Aus., 2⅛ ⅜
Do. Def., 10¾ 11	Linotype Pref., 5¾ 6
Do. Prf., 98 9	Do. Def., 6¾ 7¼
Bovril, ⅞ 1⅛	Lyons, 1⅜ ⅝
Bryant & May, 19¾ 20¼	Maple's, 3¼ ½
Coats, Ord., 66 7	Maxim-Nord., 3¾ 4
Do. Prf., 18 19	Pears', 1½ ¾
Eastman's Ord., 2¾ ¾	Robinson & Cleav., 4½ ¾
Do. Pf., 11 ¼	Salt U. Pref., 10¼ ¾
Guinness, 580 90	Suez Canal, 128 30

In another column will be found the prospectus of the Standard Weldless Tube and Cycle Companies, Ltd. This company has been formed to purchase and extend the business of the Standard Tube Co., and to acquire Chillingworth's patents for the manufacture of cycle hubs, seamless bottom brackets, &c., out of weldless steel tubing. The capital is £160,000 in £1 shares. The list opens to-morrow and closes on Thursday.

Welhater Gold Mines profit for Dec., £6,333.

Ottoman Railway Co. receipts for week ending Jan. 9, 1897, increased by £2,626.

Bryant and May recommend a dividend of 10s. per share, £5,765 to be carried forward.

Belfast and County Down Railway Co.'s dividend for past half-year 6½ per cent. per annum, carrying £4,700 forward.

G.E. Railway Co., after payment of the dividends on the guaranteed and preference stocks, has a balance of £349,524. Dividend at the rate of 4½ per annum, leaving £30,918 to be carried forward.

Transfer books of Lloyd's Bank will be closed from Jan. 25 to Feb. 8.

Transfer books of Welford and Sons will be closed from to-morrow to Feb. 1.

Third annual (ordinary) general meeting of Rose Deep will be held in Johannesburg on March 11.

Fourth annual (ordinary) general meeting of Geldenhuis Deep will be held in Johannesburg on March 12.

Ouro Preto Gold Mines of Brazil has sold the Nov. gold for £5,506 3s. 9d.

Wemmer Gold Mining Co.'s profit for Dec. is £7,300.

New Queen Gold Mining Co.'s crushing for past fortnight—"No. 5 Formation"—151 tons (yielding) 129 ounces (gold).

ELECTION INTELLIGENCE.
CLEVELAND—RESULT.

Mr. A. E. Pease (R.)	5,508
Col. Ropner (U.)	4,080
	1,428

No change. Figures at General Election:—H. F. Pease (R.), 4,762; Ropner (U.), 4,175. R. majority, 587.

PENDING ELECTIONS.

FORFARSHIRE.—Both parties active and confident. Polling Jan. 30.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Vacancy caused by elevation of Mr. E. W. Byrne, Q.C. (U.), to judicial bench. Mr. Dewar is likely U. candidate. U. majority, 2,353.

ROMFORD.—Mr. A. M. Wigram (U.) resigns owing to ill health. Figures at general election: Wigram (U.), 8,257; Bethell (R.), 6,429—U. majority, 1,828.

SALISBURY.—Mr. J. Fuller will be Radical candidate at the by-election which is expected to be caused before long by the resignation of Mr. Hulse (U.) U. majority, 217.

BEDS, S.—Sir L. Griffin, who has recently been adopted as U. candidate in the place of Col. Duke, addressed a great meeting of Unionists in Luton this week, and received an unanimous vote of confidence.

DR. JAMESON'S ILLNESS.

Dr. Jameson is steadily improving. None of the bulletins for the past few weeks have indicated much material change, but a "People" reporter was yesterday informed that this similarity between the bulletins goes to show that his eventual recovery is but a question of time. He is able to take a drive occasionally, although this week, owing to the wintry weather, his excursions have been somewhat curtailed.

A LADY'S HONOUR.
REMINDER OF A SUIT FAMOUS 20 YEARS AGO.

To the present generation Sir Travers Twiss, whose death was announced yesterday, has hardly been even a name. He faded out of public life after a certain sensational case had dragged his name through the depths of a painful scandal. He had in 1862 married Marie Pharialdé Rosalind Lynseele, of Poland. In 1868 Lady Twiss was presented at St. James's, and in 1869 was again at her Majesty's Drawing Room. On April 29 of the same year charges against the ante-nuptial conduct of Lady Twiss were forwarded by a certain person to the Lord Chamberlain. That official made inquiries, as he was bound to do under the circumstances, the result of which was satisfactory to himself and Sir Travers and Lady Twiss. Her ladyship's accuser followed up his attack by making a statutory declaration at Bow-st., in which he accused Lady Twiss of having, among other things, been a frequenter of the Holborn Casino. In 1872 this person—whom the "Times" describes as

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—was prosecuted, and he personally subjected Lady Twiss to a cross-examination of several days, until on March 13 Mr. (now Sir H.) Poland, who was the prosecuting counsel, announced to the surprise of the court that Lady Twiss was determined not to appear again, and had left London. The charges had, therefore, to be dismissed. On March 21 it was announced that Sir T. Twiss had resigned his various ecclesiastical appointments under the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London, as well as the office of Queen's Advocate. Then came the gazetting of a notification from the Lord Chamberlain that the presentation at Court of Lady Twiss had been cancelled. The public sympathy of the day for Sir Travers and Lady Twiss was deep and universal, but from that time public life knew them no more.

ARCHBISHOP'S FAREWELL.

To-morrow Archbishop Temple bids farewell to the diocese of London. The meeting in the Guildhall will take the form of a civic ceremony, at which addresses will be presented to the Archbishop by the clergy of the London diocese and other diocesan societies. The Archbishop will also be given the seals of the diocese of Canterbury as a gift from the office bearers of the diocese of London, and Mrs. Temple will be presented with a replica of a portrait which Professor Herkomer has recently painted for Fulham Palace. The Lord Mayor, who will be attended by his State officials, will preside.

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TURF, FIELD, AND RIVER.

By LARRY LYNX.

[Readers of this article should remember that the opinions and suggestions expressed therein are given upon the relative merits of the horses engaged, and special information obtained concerning them. All bets on minor races should be made subject to horses starting, and any sudden alteration in the market against a horse after the publication of this article shows that something previously unforeseen has happened in connection with the horse which affects the opinion held of him by "Larry Lynx" prior to going to press.]

If such leviathan pencillers of the old time as Davis and his compeers could revisit this earth it would puzzle them to account for the absence of speculation on such events at the coming Derby, Waterloo Cup, Lincolnshire Handicap, and other events to follow. With regard to the Lincolnshire Handicap I may add that the absence of its nominations from last week's "Racing Calendar" is easily accounted for. As I said in my article last week, great dissatisfaction was expressed because the nominations for the big handicap on the Carholme did not appear in the official broadsheet. Well, that was not Old Burlington-street's fault. The people who are to blame are the Lincoln executive. They only received 42 entries, and were undecided as to whether they would re-open the stake or let it stand as it was. Racecourse executives are like women, those who hesitate are lost. Fortunately, the Lincoln people did not hesitate very long, and they decided to let matters stand. This was a very wise proceeding to adopt, because it is not the stake that has the largest entry that produces the biggest field, and they might have fared worse at the second time of asking. Then, possibly, they might have elected to abolish the stake, which would have been a very sad state of affairs. Wipe out the "Lincolnshire" and the "Brocklesby" and you would make a rare hash of the Lincoln Spring programme. The meeting on the Carholme has few or none of the up-to-date advantages of modern meetings. Old timers go there because they like to shake hands and compare notes with old friends whom they have not met since the curtain fell on the flat racing campaign of the year previous, but the modern generation of race-goers have no respect for the old meeting, and, accustomed as they are to modern luxuries at Kempton and Sandown, this feeling is not to be wondered at. The Carholme on a good day is bad enough in all conscience. On a wet day it is simply horrible, and all the time you are watching the racing you are thinking of chills, subsequent pneumonia, and your own obituary paragraph. Yes, the Lincoln people have done wise to take the bull by the horns and give the old-time handicap a chance once more. There was no other course for them to pursue unless they wished to make the descent into Avernus.

Turning, however, from Lincoln, about which I shall have something to say later on, let us regard the Derby from a contemplative point of view. Betting with regard to it is almost at a standstill. Backers of late years have got thoroughly sick of supporting horses individually and in mixed lots during the winter months for the coming Derbies. The years in which Sainfoin, Common, and Sir Hugo won fairly knocked them, and since those times there has been no burning desire on the part of punters to risk their capital against the thousand and one chances that may crop up against them. Who, for instance, in the winter of 1890 could anticipate the defeat of Surefoot by such a commoner as Sainfoin? John Porter could not have had much opinion of the washy chestnut he sold to Sir J. Miller or he never would have parted with the only son of Springfield who has distinguished himself in the Derby. Then came Common the following year, who upset a whole host of cracks who had done well as two-year-olds, and after that Sir Hugo, who scored so luckily from La Fleche, and brought off a 40 to 1 chance. With all these surprises to contemplate it is not at all surprising that backers are coy in dealing during the winter months with the coming Derby. You see, we live in a go-ahead time. Life is too short to think of the past, and little store is set by the morrow. Both in betting and Stock Exchange speculation the great question that presents itself is to-day. No doubt it is the pace that kills, but we live so fast in our days that we are content to die to-morrow in order that we may live to-day.

It is solely on that account that starting price betting has superseded the old methods of ante-post wagering, which has almost disappeared from the face of the earth. The funny part of the business is that there is still a set of laws with regard to wagering, which is framed by the joint committees of Tattersall's and the Newmarket Subscription Rooms, but these are simply what one might call barbaric relics. Nobody bets at Tattersall's now, and the good old days of Albert's Corner are vanished with the ghosts who frequented it. The Newmarket Subscription Rooms make a pleasant lounge, but little is the betting that takes place there now. It is the same up at Doncaster. The Subscription Rooms, which at one time were crowded on nights before the St. Leger with the wealthiest magnates of the turf and the greatest leviathans of the betting world, have closed their portals for gambling purposes. "Chicken hazard" no longer reigns supreme there, and the voices of the punter and the bookmaker are hushed. Possibly, in years to come, the old rooms may be occupied by General Booth and his congenial spirits of the Salvation Army.

About this Derby betting, however. What wagering on the blue riband of 1897 has taken place has been of a very trivial character, and yet a more open Derby, taking into consideration the events that precede it, has never been known. The Two Thousand may or may not give us its key-note. This year the Newmarket Stakes will tell us very little about it, because that event looks at the mercy of Galtee More. When we survey, in the winter time, the coming classic races we are bound to follow the book. The days of dark horses have practically gone by. So many rich prizes are offered for 2-year-olds in our days that an owner must be a sentimental man, indeed, if he keeps a horse whom he considers as possessing classic pretensions under a bushel, so to speak. Money, which is the root of all evil, is bound to tempt any man, be he rich or poor, and the costly inducements to run young horses absolutely prevent an owner disregarding the golden baits that are so eagerly snapped up. You may take it for granted that if a crack 2-year-old is sound, and can stand training, he is certain to be seen out in his season. Common, of course, was an exception, but he was sprung on us in the Two Thousand, and did not drop down from the skies, as did such Derby winners as Blair Athol and Merry Hampton. So far as we have gone yet the book tells us that Velasquez, Galtee More, and Vesuvian are the pick of the 3-year-old colts in the Derby. Lord Rosebery, I take it, will keep Chelandry for the Oaks. Orelio, own brother to Ormonde, is in the same stable as Vesuvian, that of fashionable Kingsclere. On the only one occasion on which he was seen in public he did not show to great advantage, being beaten by Coretegar, who should thrash him again if they meet in the Derby. The French horse, Palmiste II., has done nothing to cause anybody to back him, and I take it that he is no second Gladiateur. Velasquez and Galtee More represent opposing factions, and, popular as would be the victory of Lord Rosebery in his third Derby, there would be equally as much cheering if the Irishman won. It all depends upon the weather. Given a fine day, I should vote for Velasquez's dainty feet, but if they have to race through such mud and slush as Sainfoin did in 1890, and Macaroni in 1863, then Galtee More might confirm his Middle Park Plate victory.

The entries for the Lincolnshire Handicap (42 in number) duly came to hand with the last issue of the "Calendar." The nominations are chiefly class, and when one takes into consideration the names of the horses entered one cannot imagine how the executive of the Lincoln Racecourse could have paused for one moment in acceptation. To begin with, we have Bellevin (a brilliant Irish horse), Gulistan (who at one time was thought not to be far from classic honours), Marco (a Cambridgeshire winner), Chit Chat, Victor Wild (whose owner seems to have given up the idea of reserving him for the stud and means getting as much as he possibly can out of him), Clorane (Victor Wild's old opponent), Diana Forget, Winkfield's Pride (winner of the New and Old Cambridgeshires), La Sagesse (an Oaks victress), Signorina (the most peerless filly of her time, who has proved a failure at the stud), Quarrel, Teufel, Yorker, and Gazetteer. The public still hang on to short racing, as the Earl Spencer's Plate at Northampton has obtained a satisfactory entry, while the Northamptonshire Stakes has failed to fill, and is re-opened, to close on Tuesday next. Entries for Nottingham and Derby are thoroughly satisfactory.

The Windsor Meeting passed off in a satisfactory way, and the course afforded better going than most people imagined. The feature of Wednesday's racing was the very fine style in which Fossicker polished off his field in the Eton Hurdle Race. He is another of the smart hurdlers we have got in training, which include Soliman, Atholiath, Montauk, and Melton Prior, who, on the second day, followed up his 2 Lingfield victories. It was a great triumph when Norton beat Wild Man from Borneo (a Grand National winner) in the Egham Steeplechase, and Ebor romped home from Prince Edward in the Castle Steeplechase.

I will now deal with First Division League football of Saturday, Jan. 9. For the second week in succession Aston Villa have suffered defeat, and a still further fact remains that their conquerors on both occasions have been holders for the time being of the "wooden spoon" of the competition. This time Sunderland were the favoured team. Three weeks ago who would have thought of the Villa going down before Burnley and Sunderland? But it only shows once more the glorious uncertainty of football. How strong a lead Aston Villa hold in the competition is seen from the fact that although they have suffered 3 unexpected defeats the champions of Perry Barr still hold the premier position. Sunderland have improved wonderfully lately, and they upset all calculations by defeating Aston Villa by 4 to 2. The supporters of Derby County were looking forward to a reverse of the result in the first match with Sheffield Wednesday, and they were not disappointed, for the Derbyshire team had a bit the better of the play, and won by 2 goals to the Sheffielders 1. Derby County seem likely to prove most dangerous rivals to Aston Villa, though it is to be borne in mind that the latter have a game in hand. The falling away of the Villa has also improved the chance of Sheffield United, who have actually the better record. They have only been defeated on 3 occasions, and they have a remarkably good goal average. Blackburn Rovers went to Sheffield, and the United team routed them by no less than 7 to 0, the game being little short of a fiasco. Another smart performance was that of Liverpool, who defeated Wolverhampton Wanderers on their own ground. Burnley's win at Perry Barr on the first Saturday this year must only have been a flash in the pan, for on Jan. 9 they were defeated by 3 to 1 by Stoke. The result of the match had the effect of dropping Burnley down to the bottom of the table, whereas Stoke are now the 14th. Everton, as was pretty generally expected, obtained 2 points at the expense of Notts Forest, who have not won a League contest away from home for the past 2 years. It may be pointed out that for once in a way all the games were won. The 6 leading clubs, as I write, are: Aston Villa with 26 points out of a possible 36, Liverpool 25 out of 32, Derby County 25 out of 40, Sheffield United 23 out of 30, Everton 23 out of 34, and Bolton Wanderers 22 out of 30.

There were one or two surprising results in the Second Division, and the advantage of playing at home was appreciated by 6 of the 8 teams engaged. Notts County, by beating Gainsborough Trinity, still maintain a lofty position, and can already be hailed champions. By securing a point on the ground of the Newton Heath team, the Burton Swifts were guilty of a very creditable performance. As they ran away with the Swifts when they were last at Clayton, the Heathens are a point worse off by the comparison. Newcastle United met with a severe reverse at Leicester, where they were defeated by the Fosse team by 5 to 0, the forwards of the latter being in exceptionally fine form. Darwen are creeping up the ladder pluckily, and accomplished a really good performance in beating Manchester City. Grimsby Town made short work of Lincoln City, the "wooden spoonists," who have only won 2 out of 15 matches, and Burton Wanderers are to be congratulated on their victory over Walsall. Out of 15 matches Walsall have won 6, but I shall expect to see them a little higher in the list before long.

Woolwich Arsenal were engaged in a United League encounter with Loughborough, and, showing slightly superior form, they, at the close, had the advantage of 5 to 3. Millwall Athletic gained 2 points in the Southern League table by beating Chatham by 1 to 0, but scientific play was conspicuous by its absence owing to the state of the ground. One to nil was also the result in favour of Swindon Town, who had Tottenham Hotspur as visitors. Gravesend were evidently more used to mud-larking than Wolverton, for the latter were defeated by 5 to 2. The encounter at Reading between the locals and Southampton St. Mary's ended in a draw. The London League (Division I.) match between Crouch End and the 3rd Grenadier Guards resulted in an exciting contest, but the Guards secured their second success of the week in the series by 2 to 0. Several interesting club matches were also played. The opening round of the Scottish Cup ties was accompanied by an unlooked-for event. The Celtic were drawn against Arthurlie, by whom they were knocked out. Celtic deserved their defeat, for they thought they had a walk over, but, as I have several times pointed out, football, like racing, is a sort of game "which no fellah can understand." The rest of the crack clubs qualified for the next stage of the competition.

The victory of Wales over England, at Newport, by 1 goal 2 tries (or 11 points) to 0, was gained by a genuine, all-round superiority of play. We had great faith in the dashing dribbles of our forwards, but, curiously, we were beaten as badly in this respect as in any. I think this was chiefly due to the sloppy state of the ground and the more energetic methods of the robust Welsh forwards. Our men tried to dribble in the same scientific and gentle way that they would have done, say, on the perfect turf of Richmond or Blackheath, whereas the Welsh kicked hard and followed up at top speed. This latter was obviously the more paying game, for the Englishmen were constantly over-running the ball and leaving it stuck in the mud behind. Then, unfortunately, they waited off-side for the ball to be brought on by others, instead of getting back on-side again smartly. Then the Welsh pack frequently heeled to their halves, who were certainly very smart at picking up, whilst the English forwards had evidently been instructed not to heel. This superiority forward being established, the rest was easy. Selwyn Biggs and Jones were constantly getting the ball from the scrum, whilst Wells and Taylor probably did not get it from the same source 3 times apiece throughout the game. When it comes to a comparison of the three-quarters, it goes without saying that the passing of the Welsh quartette was far and away more accurate and finished than anything the English 4 could be expected to show. As a matter of fact, I only remember one attempt on the part of the English backs at anything like combined play, and that one attempt was a ghastly failure. This was when Fookes broke away from very near the English goal-line and ran along touch to mid-field. He seemed to me to be distancing his pursuers, but he slackened somewhat to look for supporters. By the time he found Fletcher he was hampered by opponents, and his pass went to the ground and beyond the Cumberland man. Baker, however, picked up well and made further ground when he attempted to pass to Frank Byrne. Again the ball went to the feet of the player for whom it was intended instead of to his hands, and Byrne fumbled in attempting to pick it up. Here, but for the smartness of Baker in doubling back and kicking to touch, a fine opening would have been presented to the Welshmen, who were dashing down on the ball, and would have had only Fred Byrne to pass to secure possession. If the transfers upon this occasion had been attempted as accurately as were those of the Welshmen, a score would have been certain. The work of the English halves and three-quarters was chiefly of a defensive character, and, so far as tackling was concerned, they did fairly well on the whole, but pretty well every one of them let men by at one time or another. The one thing wherein nearly all were weak was in stopping foot rushes. Repeatedly I saw Fletcher and Baker, with the best intentions in the world, dash headlong at the feet of the rushing Welsh forwards, but only to misjudge the ball and have it swept by them. Wales thoroughly deserved the victory gained, but I am not alone in thinking that on a dryer ground their sturdy forwards would not have gained so complete an ascendency over their English opponents.

In spite of the International match there was plenty of other Rugby football of interest. In London, Blackheath, Richmond, the London Scottish, and Old Merchant Taylors were all successful. It was a tough struggle between Kensington and Croydon, but the defence prevailed, and the result was a draw. The county fixture between Durham and Lancashire resulted in favour of the Lancastrians by 9 points to 0. The Durham forwards were a good level lot, holding their own in the scrummages, and dribbling smartly in the open. Lancashire, however, were vastly superior behind the pack.

Kent have now established themselves as champions of the South-eastern Division at Rugby football. It seemed as if they would have a stiff fight with Hampshire, the winners of the B Group, for that county had gained very creditable victories over Sussex and Eastern Counties, and the team selected to do duty for them at Blackheath on Wednesday was about the strongest they had ever put out. The Kentish forwards, however, were possessed both of greater weight and greater experience than those of Hampshire, and this, in the end, told very strongly in favour of the home side. The greater part of the first half of the game had passed away before Kent had gained any appreciable advantage, although their forwards had rushed the ball several times pretty close to the Hants line, only to be returned, however, by the excellent kicking of Hill, Andrews, and Capt. Harris. But once Kent had started scoring they seemed irresistible. In the last 10 minutes of the first half they gained 3 tries, and added 4 more in the second half. Bunting and Walmsley, the Kent three-quarters, played with great dash, and were largely responsible for most of the tries gained. Bunting scored 2 of these. The latter, who showed fine form on the wing, gained 3 more, Wetherall and Luxmoore obtaining the other 2. Walmsley kicked 2 goals, so that Kent won by 2 goals and 5 tries (or 25 points) to 0. They will now have to meet Somerset, winners in the South-western Division, at a date and ground to be arranged. The winner of this battle will contest with the winner in the Northern Division the right to the County Championship of England. That Northern winner seems, as usual, pretty certain to be Yorkshire.

The result of the Blackheath and South London Harriers' combined handicap shows that the "Heathens'" recent victory over the "Irrepressibles" was no fluke. The South Londoners must have fallen off a great deal during the last few weeks, for early in the season they had a very powerful team indeed. The actual winner of the handicap, S. T. Pugh, is better known as a swimmer than as a runner, and is the holder of the celebrated "Ulph" Challenge Cup. The scratch man, G. Hoare, ran magnificently, but the mile champion (Benson Lawford) again showed what an inconsistent performer across country he is, although one would have supposed that the heavy going would have suited him. He could get no nearer than 16th in a field of 23 runners.

A very interesting boxing contest was that fought at the National Sporting Club last Monday between Dave Wallace, of London, and Alf Wright, of Plymouth. It lasted 19 rounds, when Wallace, who was just too clever for the West Countryman, won one of the gamest contests that has ever been witnessed in the athletic arena which has risen from the ashes of Evans's. It was a give-and-take affair throughout, and when it was over Wright received as many cheers as the winner.

Cambridge, eager to regain their lost laurels, were first to commence practice for the University Boat Race on Tuesday last. The initial crew was made up as follows:—Campbell-Muir (bow), Pattison-Muir, Hetherington, Smith, Crane, Pearson, Howell, Bieber, Steel (stroke), and Hawkins (cox.). Bieber was the only blue in the boat. Steel, who stroked the losing trial eight last December, set the work. It is not expected that Mr. Pennington, the No. 3 of last year, will be able to come up this term, so there will be 5 vacancies in the boat. The Hon. Rupert Guinness is expected, and will be offered, very likely, a thwart.

TRADE UNIONS.

Important Decision on Strike Law.

Baron Pollock and a special jury in the Queen's Bench concluded the trial of the case of Bailey and another v. Pye and others, brought by Messrs. John and William Oliver Bailey, glass silverers and bevellers, of Wenlock-rd., City-rd., against the secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, and members of the executive council of the National Plate Glass Bevellers' Trade Union and others, to recover damages, and also to secure the continuance of an interim injunction restraining the defendants from inducing, by threats and intimidation, the plaintiffs' employés to break their contracts. The defendants denied generally the allegations, and pleaded that they were perfectly justified in their action by the Trade Unions Act. Mr. L. Walton and Mr. H. C. A. Bingley appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr. Asquith and Mr. E. Morten and Mr. R. Neville for defendants.—Workmen and apprentices gave evidence as to some or one of defendants trying to prevail upon them to leave plaintiffs' service and join the union, and also as to the obstruction they met with on going to or leaving their work.—William Fletcher, a workman, who had struck, said

He was one of the Pickets,

and received pay. During the day the pickets were visited by Pye. On Oct. 23, 1895, Pye and other union officials told him to pull men out of the vans before they went into the works. He had to be protected by the police. Sometimes he was followed by about 50 men and annoyed. He ultimately gave up his work because it was otherwise impossible for him to continue to work in peace. Pye and another man offered to give him better work. He signed a paper saying he was prepared of his own free will to join the union, and not to work in a non-union shop. It was not of his own free will that he left plaintiffs. He told Pye that he had a 12 months' agreement with plaintiffs. Pye replied, "Never mind." He was to be paid by the union every week until Pye found him employment. Pye did not find it. He went back to his work about a month ago. On Dec. 23 he received a letter from Pye not to worry, but to enjoy himself thoroughly; once he (Pye) was taken down to the country and kept 2 days. When he went on picket he received a card of directions that in no case was he to allow himself to be drawn into any row or disturbance, or commit any criminal act, or to do anything in the nature of threats, intimidation, or violence.—Re-examined: He received about £50 in strike money, and

Lost About £100

altogether. In a full week he earned when with plaintiffs from £2 15s. to £3 a week, and sometimes £4. They gave the union rate of wages.—Mrs. Fletcher, wife of last witness, said that when her husband was at home at Edmonton about 40 men assembled opposite the house. Two brakes rode up with men. Endeavours were made to induce her husband to leave his work. Pye said that if she liked he could get her a post with the London School Board. She refused. Afterwards she wrote a letter to him complaining of his conduct.—Other workmen having given evidence, Insp. Williams described the arrangements he had made to protect the workmen going to and leaving the works. There were outside a crowd of about 30 or 40 men. When Mr. Bailey's brougham left with some workmen a crowd followed hooting, and policemen had to stop them. Sometimes workmen had to be personally escorted.—Mr. Asquith, representing defendants, said that they had placed themselves in his hands, and would not further contest the case.—The jury returned a verdict for plaintiffs, and assessed damages at £674 13s.—Judgment was entered accordingly, and it was directed that the interim injunction should be perpetual, and that defendants should give an undertaking that they would not describe plaintiffs as "rat employers," or make any statement having a similar meaning.

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LOVE AND LUCRE.

A Married Man's Expensive Distractions.

The Lord Chief Justice and a special jury heard the action of Davies v. Fox. Plaintiff is Miss Marion Davies, while defendant, Mr. Robert Fox, is a gentleman living in the Isle of Wight.—Mr. Candy, for plaintiff stated this was not a breach of promise action, but a claim for the balance of a sum which plaintiff alleged defendant had promised her in consideration of her releasing him from his promise to marry her. He said the plaintiff was a woman in London who was introduced to defendant, who took a fancy to her. On his persuasion she "gave up her immoral life (said Mr. Candy), and in 1892-3-4 lived as his mistress." He was a married man, and plaintiff knew it, and her story was that the promise was to marry her in the event of his wife's death. Defendant behaved very kindly and generously to plaintiff, but in the autumn of 1895 he was desirous of



MISS M. DAVIES.

Terminating the Connection,

releasing himself from all obligations moral or legal, and receiving back his letters to her. Plaintiff asked for £3,000; he offered her £2,500, which she refused, because she then owed a Mrs. Hardman £1,000. He sent £500, but about this time he placed himself suddenly in the hands of his brother, and all plaintiff's letters were returned by a solicitor. A letter was read from defendant to Mrs. Hardman that he had been "found out." "It was at dinner," he wrote, "that I was cornered, and rather than take an oath had to confess that I had gone wrong." He said the next thing he expected was that his pass book would be asked for, and then all would be known. He was "broken-hearted," he wrote. In some of her letters plaintiff wrote that she would repay the money if he would let her have it. The sum had risen to £4,000 in one of them. On Nov. 20 he wrote that nothing could be done with regard to money except through his solicitors.—His lordship said: I have heard your case Mr. Candy, you have no case. He directed a nonsuit.—Mr. Carson obtained permission to state that defendant was prepared to deny absolutely any promise of marriage, such as was suggested. There were 400 letters, and not a word of promise in them. He added that over £10,000 was paid to plaintiff in 2 years.

GIRL'S TERRIBLE DEATH.

Trial and Acquittal of a West-end Doctor.

Arthur Greatrex Smith surrendered to his bail at the Old Bailey to answer an indictment charging him with the unlawful use of certain instruments. Mr. C. Mathews prosecuted, and Mr. Mulholland defended.—In stating the facts of the case, Mr. Mathews said that the case was of serious importance to prisoner, who was a medical man of some distinction in the West-end. Deceased woman was Constance Fletcher, aged 23, dressmaker, who lodged with her sister at Notting Hill from July last until towards the close of the year. In November they were lodging at Stanstead-rd., Forest Hill. Deceased was in the habit of coming to London, and on Nov. 18 she did not return until midnight. She complained of being in pain, and the following day there was a miscarriage, and a medical man was called in. She became worse, and died on Nov. 28.

A Detective's Ingenuity.

Prior to her death she made a statement, in consequence of which Sergt. Macdonald, in plain clothes, went to Lower Belgrave-st. There he saw accused loitering about, and, addressing him, said he had a letter from a young woman. Prisoner asked for it, and the officer inquired the girl's name, to which prisoner answered "Constance Fletcher." He (Macdonald) arrested prisoner, who 3 times succeeded, twice after a struggle, in getting away. On the last occasion he was stopped as he was running by a constable named Edwards. Prisoner said, "Let me go; it's all right." Edwards replied that some one was running after him, and he should detain him until the person came up. On Macdonald arriving, prisoner was conveyed to the police station, where he refused to give his name or address.

The Death-bed Scene.

He was taken to the bedside of deceased before her death, and she identified prisoner, and in reply to the officer she made a statement. Several medical men were present at the post mortem examination on behalf of accused, and considering the number who were there on both sides it was not surprising that there should be great difference of opinion as to the cause of death. It was agreed, however, that there were no indications of surgical or operative interference, and the case for the prosecution rested on the statement of the deceased woman, plus the conduct of prisoner.

Deceased's Sister.

—Deceased's sister, replying to questions by Mr. Mulholland, said that deceased was light-headed at times, and before her death had delusions. She would break out singing "Coming thro' the rye." She did not think that when the police and prisoner were at the bedside her sister understood all that was going on, and she did not believe that all her statements could be relied upon. The police were at the bedside from before 11 o'clock at night until midnight, and her sister died 20 minutes after they had left. She complained of her head when the interview was over, and begged them to hold it. A week prior to her illness deceased was engaged in removing furniture, and complained of faintness.—Dr. Hatfield, who attended deceased, stated that the bottle of medicine which she had been seen to take doses of smelled of ergot. All the symptoms attaching to the girl's illness, and what he saw at the post mortem, were consistent with natural causes.—Prisoner was discharged.

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A "COUNTESS" SENTENCED.

Christina Pacini, 56; Emma Ugolini, 28; Ettore Pacini, 25; and Paulo Ugolini, 24, who were convicted last sessions of conspiring to steal valuable lace from different West-end houses, were brought up for sentence. The elder Pacini was mother of the man Pacini and the female prisoner Ugolini, who was the wife of the man Ugolini. It was proved that accused stayed at a West-end hotel, and that the 2 females visited West-end establishments—Peter Robinson's, Marshall and Snelgrove's, among others—and the younger woman, passing herself off as the Countess Marini, pretended to desire to purchase valuable lace. They succeeded in purloining some of the lace shown them and

This was Pledged

by the male prisoners.—Mr. Grain, for the prosecution, read a report from the Paris police which stated that prisoners had been engaged in similar robberies in that city.—Emma Ugolini appealed for leniency for her mother.—The Recorder said he was satisfied that prisoners came to this country to commit these robberies, and that Ettore Pacini was the leader of the conspiracy. He sentenced him to 18 months' hard labour. The 2 women on having the sentence interpreted to them commenced crying loudly, and expostulated in Italian with great volubility. The 2 female prisoners were sentenced to 12 months' hard labour each, and the man Ugolini to 9 months' hard labour. The females were carried screaming from the dock.

DEVONSHIRE-TERRACE.

There stands at the corner of the Marylebone-rd., and the quaint winding old street known as High-st., Marylebone, what is probably the smallest terrace in England—Devonshire-terrace. It consists of 3 houses only, and one of these is notable as having been for 10 years the home of Charles Dickens, in which he wrote a large portion of "The Old Curiosity Shop;" "Barnaby Rudge," "A Christmas Carol," "American Notes," "Mar-



CHARLES DICKENS AND DU MAURIER'S HOUSE.

tin Chuzzlewit," "The Cricket on the Hearth," "The Battle of Life," "Dombey and Son," "The Haunted Man," and "David Copperfield." The death of Du Maurier a few months ago has drawn attention to its second claim to interest, in that it was the first English home which received George Du Maurier. He was brought here when only 5 years old by his father, who enjoyed what seems to us a curious privilege. Even so late as his day glass-blowing in France was a profession confined to gentleman of birth, who, I believe (says Douglas Sladen in the "Windsor Magazine"), practised it by royal patent only. Odd as it may seem to us now, the one who recently passed away with "honour, love, obedience, troops of friends," and prosperity beyond the dreams of avarice, lived there before the greatest of all humorous novelists, and yet Dickens died 20 years before Du Maurier began to write.

NURSE v. DOCTOR.

In the Court of Appeal, the Master of the Rolls, Lords Justices Lopes and Chitty had before them the case of Beatty v. Cullingworth, in which plaintiff, professional nurse, who had previously brought an action against defendant, senior obstetric physician at St. Thomas's Hospital, to recover damages on the ground that he had performed a surgical operation upon her contrary to the direction which she had given him, now moved for a new trial, on the grounds that the verdict then given for defendant was against the weight of evidence, that evidence had been wrongly rejected, and of misdirection.—The Master of the Rolls, in giving judgment, said that every one must sincerely pity and sympathise with the unfortunate lady who had had to undergo a terrible operation, but at the same time he thought that she had been ill-advised in bringing this action against defendant, a surgeon of great skill and of high character. She had brought a charge against him which, if substantiated, would have taken from him that high character, and would have branded him as

A Cruel and Inhuman Man.

There could be no doubt that at one time plaintiff had objected to the full operation, but subsequently her conduct and demeanour had been such as justified the jury in coming to the conclusion that she had left the matter to the discretion of defendant, who had only done what he believed was necessary to save her life. He believed that the jury had taken a sound view in giving the verdict they had done. He was of opinion that the judge had properly directed the jury, and that he had acted rightly in excluding the evidence which it was contended on the part of plaintiff ought to have been received. Commiserating as he did the lamentable misfortune which had befallen plaintiff, he thought that she was not justified in bringing the present action, or in making the statements that she had done, or entertaining the opinion she evidently held, that defendant had been guilty of professional misconduct. The verdict must therefore be upheld, and the appeal dismissed.—Lords Justices Lopes and Chitty concurred.—Judgment for defendant affirmed, with costs.

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No. 10—"THE PEOPLE'S PALS OF THE PAVEMENT."

A dark complexioned woman, past middle-age, mostly to be met with in the neighbourhood of Oxford Circus and Langham-place, although the last



FROM OXFORD S' TO HAMMERSMITH

time the writer saw her was near Hammersmith. She has a melancholy despondent, or "no canny" expression. People do even go so far as to say that she is possessed of the "evil eye." She carries a cat enveloped in her black shawl, with its head tied up in a rag—goes about silently—never soliciting alms, and looking straight to her front with a fixed stare. She may be classified as "harmless," but "with a method" in her eccentricity.

SOCIETY SCANDAL.

A New York Bachelor's Party on the Wedding Eve.

Particulars are given in the New York papers of a sensational trial in New York, in which ostensibly Police-capt. Chapman, of the Tenderloin district, is charged with raiding without a warrant the bachelor dinner given at Sherry's, a fashionable hotel, by Mr. Barnum Seeley to his brother on the eve of the latter's marriage. Actually, Mr. Seeley, his brother, and 2 score of society men are being tried at the bar of public opinion on a charge of exceeding the limits of decency. The developments of the case have spread alarm among the society men who were guests at the now famous banquet. To the disgust of the great crowd of well-known men and women who looked forward to a unique entertainment the examination was conducted with closed doors. Several soubrettes testified that they had been invited by the managers of the banquet to do turns the character of which would certainly have warranted the interference of the police. Their testimony was given with a reckless profusion of

Salacious Details

which seemed to leave nothing to be desired by the most morbid. The case was adjourned after one of the lawyers had announced that the next witness would be the Algerian dancer who took part in the entertainment, who would make revelations that no words could express decently. Shocking testimony, said counsel, would be presented to the grand jury as the basis of a criminal prosecution of the persons who procured the indecent exhibition. According to an affidavit from "Little Egypt" as to the character of the dances she was asked to perform at Sherry's, she was to appear as the last performer of the evening and to give 2 "Nautch Dances." The first of these was to be executed on a stage or table. In this first dance she was to wear a costume consisting solely of

A Little Velvet Jacket

that would simply cover her shoulders, and black lace drapery in the form of loose knickerbockers that would reach from below the hips to the ankles. She was also to wear black stockings and slippers. In this dance, she says, her arms would have been bare, her body would have been unclothed above the hips, except for the slight covering of the little velvet Zouave jacket, and below the hips would have only the protection of the black lace knickerbockers and the stockings and slippers. She goes on in her affidavit to say that the second dance which she was to give was intended for an encore, which she and those with whom she dealt were certain she would receive. The deliberate arrangements which she entered into with those who engaged her to appear at the Seeley dinner for this encore dance, she says in her affivadit, were that she should throw off the velvet Zouave jacket and the black lace knickerbockers before the guests. She says in her affidavit, furthermore, that it was a part of her agreement with those who engaged her to appear at the Seeley dinner that in the encore dance, where she would be in

"The Altogether,"

except as noted, she was not to confine her antics to a stage, or even to a table, but was to dance up and down the room, along and around the chairs occupied by the guests at the banquet tables. Late on the night of the banquet she went to Sherry's, accompanied by a coloured maid. She relates that an employé of Sherry's establishment took her to a private room upstairs—not the room which the other female performers for that evening were using as a dressing-room. She ingenuously says that she was not at all surprised at being thus honoured with a private apartment, as it has been the custom to show her this distinction at similar functions which she has attended in New York.

WELDLESS STEEL FITTINGS.

A party of journalists, financiers, and engineers were this week taken by special train to Birmingham to inspect the Chillingworth process for the manufacture of all kinds of weldless steel fittings used in connection with the cycle, steam, hydraulic, gas, and water industries. The greatest interest, of course, attaches to the new process because of its relation to the production of bicycles — an industry which, by reason of its flourishing condition, is a leading feature of talk in the Midlands just now. Those who are pushing the process claim on various grounds that it ought to, and will, supersede the old modes of production by casting and welding. At Birmingham the company witnessed the rapid manufacture of bicycle bracket sockets from cold-drawn steel tubing. Three machines or presses were in use. Into the first was placed a piece of red-hot tube 1¼in. or so in diameter, and 4in. or 5in. long, and then by ingenious pressure from the inside, the tube "bulged out" in the required number of places. The tube was then passed on to another press, which punched a hole through each bulge, and a third pressure having enlarged the hole to the needed size, the tube was handed on to a calibrating machine, which accurately "shaped" it, and the socket was made. The advantages claimed are greater lightness, greater freedom from flaws, greater economy, and greater speed.

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BOY WAS SCREAMING

at the time.—In answer to a question by Insp. Winchcombe, witness said he thought prisoner was not sober at the time, because he put a lighted cigar in his hat.—Charles Landgrebe, of Kew-rd., said that prisoner tore up his handkerchief to bind up Pheby's wounded hands. He thought prisoner was not sober at the time.—Alfred Pheby, deceased's father, said when his son was brought home his hands were shockingly burned, his face scorched, and his eyebrows burned off. A piece of rag saturated with paraffin was tied around his left hand, and he was in dreadful pain. The boy was taken to the hospital, and there it was found that the skin of the back of his right hand had been cut off right from the knuckles to the wrist.—Remanded.

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John Bennett, 40, boot-finisher, of Tower-st., London Fields, was charged at North London on remand with attempting to murder Annie Owen, a woman with whom he had lived for 6 years.—On Dec. 20 prisoner, it was alleged, came home the worse for drink, and disputed with the woman as to the possession of their child. The couple struggled together on the floor for about half an hour, Albert Owen, 14, meanwhile endeavouring to beat the man off his mother with a stick. Subsequently the woman found that she had been stabbed in the abdomen, and she had to undergo a very serious operation.—Committed for trial on the charge of attempted murder.

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MATRIMONY.—Widow, 25, in public, would like to meet with a tall, good-looking Man about 30, Catholic, one who understands bar business; send photo and addressed envelope.—D., Box 4,319, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONY.—Will any lonely, elderly Gentleman correspond with young Woman, who is a capable invalid nurse, cook, and housekeeper.—Honesty, Box 4,314, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONY.—Business Gentleman, middle age, of the best character, with first-class business, wishes to meet with Lady, with independent means and fond of home.—M., Box 4,315, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

YOUNG MAN, 25, good appearance, abstainer, with small capital, would like to make acquaintance of young Lady, with same, view early marriage; genuine; good references.—F., Box 4,316, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONY.—Advertiser, of middle age, and with money at immediate command, desires to meet a Lady, of similar age, who has a business where extra capital would increase same; references required and handed.—Address full name to Beta, 8, Draper-street, Newington Butts, S.E.

MATRIMONY.—Steady young Man, age 26, 5ft. 10in., dark, earning weekly £3 10s., wishes to meet sympathetic Partner, with small capital to extend his business.—Genuine, Box 4,267, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONIAL—(CONTINUED).

GENTLEMAN, 47, with house and land (value £3,000) and an income of £100 per annum, desires correspondence with Lady of means, fond of country, view matrimony.—Mihi, Box 4,284, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

GENTLEMAN, 44, good appearance, £250 a year, no encumbrance, would be pleased to correspond with suitable Lady, with about same means, view marriage; strict confidence; genuine.—E. C., Box 4,261, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

BONA FIDE INTRODUCTIONS.—Ladies and Gentlemen desiring matrimonial alliance are requested to forward stamped address (in confidence) to Introduction Agency, 5, Victoria-road, Kilburn, N.W.

MATRIMONY.—Lady, amiable disposition, accomplished, domesticated, with own private income and property, desires correspondence prospective of marriage; confidence reciprocated.—Box 57, "Advertiser" Office, Bristol.

GENTLEMAN, 45, with means and good business ability and experience, wishes to correspond with Widow Lady, having large business or a few thousand pounds, view matrimony.—Address, in full confidence, D. L., Box 4,280, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

ADVERTISER, residing in East Indies, 28, tall, dark, kindly disposition, temperate habits, desires correspondence with young Lady of good education.—Fullest particulars, photo if possible, in first instance, to Eastern, Box 4,214, "People," Arundel-street, Strand. (Answer in two months.)

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OFFICIAL SITUATIONS.

Royal Marines.

SERVICE in this popular Corps affords many opportunities of distinction and of seeing the world comfortably, with plenty of pocket money, and always return to same barracks.—Apply, ADMIRALTY, 22, Spring Gardens, Charing Cross.

Active Young Men Out of Employment, BETWEEN 18 and 25.

APPLY to Recruiting Officers, St. George's Barracks, Charing Cross; No. 1, Sharpe's Buildings, King-street, Tower Hill; Hounslow Barracks; or Woolwich, for all information. A pamphlet, "Advantages of the Army," can be had free at any Post Office. Weekly pocket money, 3s. to 4s. 6d.

Royal Navy.

GOOD pay, free board and lodging, and pensions for life, on completing service. A few vacancies for Boys to train as Seamen. Age 15½ to 16. Also for Engine Fitters, Turners, Smiths, and Boilermakers. Pay commencing at £100. And for Armourers, Blacksmiths, Coopers, Painters, Sailmakers, Shipwrights, and Stokers. Six vacancies for Sick Berth Staff. Age 21 to 25.—Apply, ADMIRALTY, 22, Spring Gardens, Charing Cross.

Stokers for the Royal Navy

WANTED.—Men of good character, age 19 (and in special cases 18) to 25, can obtain employment as Stokers in the Royal Navy; no previous experience necessary; wages commencing at £30; extra pay when in the tropics; free rations and lodging, and allowances towards outfit; pensions for life on completing service.

Apply to any of H.M. Ships or Coast Guard Stations, or to the Admiralty Recruiting Dept., 22, Spring Gardens, London, S.W.

Wanted, Housemaids

AT ST. GEORGE'S INFIRMARY, FULHAM-ROAD; must be thoroughly strong and healthy, age 19 to 26.—Apply to the Matron, between the hours of 9.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. No travelling expenses allowed.

Night Supernumerary Nurse

WANTED, at the BETHNAL GREEN INFIRMARY, WATERLOO-ROAD, VICTORIA PARK, N.E. Salary £20 per annum, with board, washing, uniform, and 1s. per week in lieu of lodging, and £2 per annum in lieu of beer. One year's experience in nursing in a Hospital or Infirmary absolutely necessary. Forms of application may be obtained from the Medical Superintendent, upon personal application or by sending a foolscap stamped directed envelope.

Ironer

WANTED, at the NORTH-WESTERN FEVER HOSPITAL, HAVERSTOCK HILL, N.W. (under the Metropolitan Asylums Board). Wages £21 per annum, board, lodging, washing, and uniform (subject to statutory deduction under the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896).

Apply to the Matron at the Hospital, either personally (10.0 to 1.0) or by letter, with copies of testimonials.

15th January, 1897.

WANTED, at the CHELSEA WORKHOUSE, a MALE NIGHT LUNATIC ATTENDANT, who must be single and have had experience in a Lunatic Asylum; age between 25 and 35 years; salary £30 a year, with board, lodging, washing, and uniform, and an allowance of £3 10s. a year (optional) in lieu of beer. Particulars of the duties to be obtained by personally applying to the Master of the Workhouse, Arthur-street, Chelsea, any day between 10.0 and 3.0 p.m. Forms of application will be supplied on receipt of a stamped and directed foolscap envelope by the Clerk to the Guardians, 250, King's-road, Chelsea, S.W., and must be returned on or before the 26th January, 1897.

To Male Attendants

WANTED immediately, at the LEAVESDEN ASYLUM FOR IMBECILES, near King's Langley, Herts, MALE ATTENDANTS, who must be single men, at wages of £30 per annum, rising, at the discretion of the Committee of Management, to £36, with board, lodging, washing, and uniform, and a further quarterly payment of 10s. conditional on good behaviour. The salary is subject to statutory deduction under the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896. Candidates must be between 21 and 30 years of age. Preference will be given to those who have had previous experience in public institutions. Printed forms, upon which alone applications will be received, may be obtained at the Chief Offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, Norfolk House, Norfolk-street, Strand, W.C. Such forms, duly filled up, are to be forwarded to the Medical Superintendent of the Asylum not later than Friday, the 22nd inst. Selected candidates will be written to.

WANTED immediately, at the LEAVESDEN ASYLUM FOR IMBECILES, near KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS, FEMALE ATTENDANTS, at wages of £15 per annum, rising £1 annually to £22. Also a HOUSEMAID, at wages of £14 per annum, rising to £18. Both with board, lodging, washing, and uniform, and in the case of Attendants a further quarterly payment of 10s. conditionally on good behaviour. The salary is in each case subject to statutory deduction under the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896. Candidates must not exceed 35 years of age. Applications to be made by letter to the Matron at the Asylum not later than Wednesday, 20th instant. Selected candidates will be written to.

16th January, 1897.

Holborn Schools.

THE GUARDIANS of the HOLBORN UNION require the services of the following Officers at their Schools, situate at Mitcham, Surrey:—

(a) GIRLS' HEAD ATTENDANT, salary £18 per annum, rising £1 yearly to £20.

(b) LITTLE BOYS' FEMALE ATTENDANT, salary £18 per annum, rising £1 yearly to £20.

(c) INFIRMARY WARDMAID, salary £16 per annum, rising £1 yearly to £20.

Each with board, lodging, and uniform, also 2s. 6d. per week (pro tem.) in lieu of washing, and £2 per annum (optional) in lieu of beer. Each appointment is subject to the provisions of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896.

Applications to be on forms to be obtained by forwarding stamped addressed foolscap envelope to the Matron, Holborn Schools, Mitcham, Surrey, to whom also all applications are to be returned not later than Thursday, 28th inst.

(By order)
HARRY O. HILL,
Clerk to the Guardians.

11th January, 1897.

Holborn Union.

NURSE ATTENDANT.

THE GUARDIANS of the HOLBORN UNION require for their WORKHOUSE, at MITCHAM, SURREY, the services of a NURSE ATTENDANT, to assist in the bathing, charge of the clothing, and care of the female inmates, and be willing to make herself generally useful, as may be required by the Matron. Salary £17 per annum, rising £1 yearly to £20 per annum, with board, lodging, washing, uniform, and (if desired) £2 per annum in lieu of beer and mineral waters. The salary and emoluments will be subject to an annual percentage deduction in accordance with the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896. Application to be made either personally to the Matron, or by forms, to be obtained by forwarding stamped addressed envelope (foolscap size), directed to the Matron, Holborn Union Workhouse, Mitcham, Surrey.

Selected candidates only will have notice when to attend.

By order,
(Signed) HARRY O. HILL,
Clerk.

Guardians' Offices,
Clerkenwell-road, London, E.C.
January 14th, 1897.

Parish of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.

NURSES.

THE GUARDIANS of the above-named Parish require for their Infirmary—

ONE DAY NURSE, age 25 to 35 years; salary £20 per annum, rising £2 annually to £26 per annum. Candidates must have had at least twelve months' experience in General Hospital Nursing.

ONE NIGHT NURSE, age 25 to 35 years; salary £20 per annum, rising £2 annually to £26 per annum. Candidates must have had at least twelve months' experience in General Hospital Nursing.

ONE SUPERNUMERARY DAY NURSE, aged 25 to 30 years; salary £20 per annum. Candidates must have had at least twelve months' experience either in General Hospital or Infirmary Nursing.

TWO ASSISTANT NURSES, age 22 to 30 years; salary £17 per annum, rising £1 annually to £20 per annum. Candidates must have had at least one year's experience in Nursing.

Board, lodging, washing, and uniform in each case.

The appointments will be made subject to the percentage deduction prescribed by the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896.

Personal application to the Matron of the Infirmary, 208, Hoxton-street, N., from 9.0 to 1.0 o'clock.

OFFICIAL SITUATIONS—(CONTINUED).

Mess-room Woman

WANTED, at the BROOK FEVER HOSPITAL, SHOOTER'S HILL, KENT (under the Metropolitan Asylums Board). Wages £20 per annum, board, lodging, washing, and uniform (subject to statutory deduction under the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896).

Apply to the Matron at the Hospital, either personally (10.0 to 1.0) or by letter, with copies of testimonials.

14th January, 1897.

St. George-in-the-East Parish.

LAUNDRY SUPERINTENDENT WANTED.

THE GUARDIANS of the POOR of the above Parish will, at their meeting to be held on Friday, the 22nd instant, at the Board-room, Raine-street, Old Gravel-lane, E., receive applications for the appointment of

LAUNDRY SUPERINTENDENT

for the Workhouse.

Salary £25 per annum, with rations, residence, and uniform, with an allowance of £3 13s. per annum in lieu of beer.

Candidates must see the Matron of the Workhouse any morning before 12.0 o'clock, and ascertain the duties.

Application forms, to be obtained at my office, duly filled up, should be sent to me before noon on the 22nd instant, and candidates must attend at 4.0 p.m. on that day.

Original testimonials need not be forwarded with the application form, but must be produced at the time of election.

The officer will be appointed subject to the provisions of the Superannuation Act, 1896.

Personal canvassing the Guardians will be held to be a disqualification.

By order,
J. B. BROWNE,
Clerk.

Guardians' Offices,
Raine-street, Old Gravel-lane, E.
13th January, 1897.

St. George-in-the-East Parish.

ALTERNATE DAY AND NIGHT NURSE WANTED.

THE GUARDIANS of the POOR of the above Parish will, at their meeting to be held on Friday, the 22nd instant, at the Board-room, Raine-street, Old Gravel-lane, E., receive applications for the appointment of

NURSE

for the Workhouse.

Salary £20 per annum, rising £1 per annum to a maximum of £25, with rations, residence, and uniform, and an allowance of £3 13s. per annum in lieu of beer.

Candidates must see the Matron at the Workhouse any morning before 12.0 o'clock, and ascertain the duties.

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Raine-street, Old Gravel-lane, E.
13th January, 1897.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

GENERAL SERVANT, age 22, can do plain cooking, willing and obliging, 3 years' character, £14.—Edith, Hetherington's, 182A, Strand.

YOUNG GENERAL SERVANT, age 16, tall, neat, respectable, good character, wages £8.—Clara, Hetherington's, 256, Upper-street, Islington, N.

GENERAL SERVANT, age 18, strong and willing country girl, 18 months' personal character, wages £12.—Florence, Hetherington's, 216, Edgware-road, W.

GIRL, 16, as GENERAL, strong, willing, 12 months' character, 2s. 6d. weekly, Lillie; also General, 18, wages £10, 18 months' character.—Emily, Hetherington's, 109, Queen's-road, Peckham.

GENERAL SERVANT, who is able to do plain cooking and take charge of house, wants situation immediately, good wages required.—Address, B., Box 4,000, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

GENERAL, age 18, strong and willing, 1 year and 10 months' character, wages £12; Young Servant, age 16, fond of children, 6 months' character, wages 2s. 6d.—Alice, Hetherington's, 356, Mile End-road, E.

HOUSEKEEPER-MANAGERESS.—Lady, 30, wants situation in good boarding-house or to Gentleman with servants; salary.—E., Box 4,316, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

SITUATIONS VACANT.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted, 21 to 26, 2 in family, plain cooking, family washing put out, good home.—12, Queen's-road, Wimbledon.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted, £16 to £20; also one to help, £12 to £14, for 2 ladies (sisters), good place.—Mrs. May, 26, Tottenham Court-road.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted for one lady, small house, comfortable situation, wages from £16 to £20.—Mrs. Pipe, 50, Edgware-road, Hyde Park.

KITCHENMAID, 17 to 25, wages £12; also Housemaid wanted, £14, general would suit.—Mrs. B., Hetherington's, 109, Queen's-road, Peckham.

GENERAL wanted, age 24, flat, 1 lady, plain cooking, comfortable home, £12.—Mrs. C., Hetherington's, 182A, Strand.

COOK, for business house, wages 10s. weekly; Housemaid, for private small family, wages £12.—Hetherington's, 356, Mile End-road.

GENERAL or BETWEEN-MAID, where 2 others are kept, age 15 to 20, wages £12 to £14.—Mrs. M., Hetherington's, 256, Upper-street, Islington.

WANTED, a Respectable GIRL, about 14, for Housework, 2 in family, no washing, sleep in.—9, Charlotte-street, Caledonian-road, N.

COOK-GENERAL wanted, another servant kept.—Apply, by letter, stating age and wages required, to G., 15, Patter-road, Wandsworth Common.

GENERAL wanted, age from 20, £12 to £16, small family, housemaid kept, plain cooking.—Apply, Hetherington's, 63, Queen's-road, Bayswater.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted, age 20, to assist in shop, help given, 5s. weekly.—Mr. L., Hetherington's, 50, St. John's-hill, Clapham Junction.

COOKS, Kitchenmaids, Housemaids, House-parlourmaids wanted at once for town, good wages.—Call or write, Hetherington's, 170, Victoria-street, Belgravia.

WANTED, GENERAL SERVANT, about 16, no washing, cooking, or children, good home, willing girl.—Apply, Housekeeper, 19-21, Wilson-street, Finsbury.

GOOD GENERAL SERVANT, age 20 to 30, where another is kept, small family, wages £16.—Mrs. F., Hetherington's, 256, Upper-street, Islington, N.

GENERAL SERVANT, age 16 to 24, to help generally, no cooking, no washing, good home, 4 in family, wages £12 to £14.—Call or write to Mrs. J., Hetherington's, 216, Edgware-road, W. (over Singer's).

WANTED, GENERAL, who can do plain cooking; also young Housemaid or young General, to assist, comfortable place, country girls preferred.—21, South-street, South Kensington.

WANTED, a thoroughly good SERVANT, must be a good cook, boy kept for rough work, 2 in family, wages £20, no washing.—Apply Mrs. Jeffery, Quantock, Bavington-road, Streatham.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted at once, 3 in family, small house, 7 miles from London.—Send all particulars to C., Box 9,009 "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

COOK and HOUSE-PARLOURMAID wanted for widower gentleman, good generals not objected, wages from £16 to £20.—Mrs. Pipe, 50, Edgware-road, Hyde Park.

COOK wanted, £20 to £22; House-parlourmaid, £16 to £20, also Servant to help, general may do, £12 to £14, 3 in family, no children.—Mrs. May, 26, Tottenham Court-road.

GENERAL SERVANT, who understands plain cooking, business house (confectioner's), age about 30, good wages to a competent servant.—Mrs. Braun, 3, High-street, Hampstead.

SERVANTS, all classes, great number wanted, excellent situations, good wages. Pipe's Servants' Home, 50, Edgware-road, Hyde Park; also May's Servants' Home, 26, Tottenham Court-road, largest and best offices; established 25 years, numbers suited daily, 100,000 engaged last 16 years, thousands of letters thanking us for our attention and suiting; no charge whatever to cooks, house-parlourmaids, or generals not receiving over £20.

PERSONS wanted, on piecework, 1s. hourly; trade taught through post; details, stamped envelope.—Yates, 3, Union-terrace, Torquay.

CARRIAGE-MAKER.—Experienced man wanted.—Apply, A. McKenzie, Walnut Tree-walk, Kennington-road, London, S.E.

BOX-MAKERS, plain or fancy, good wages, constant employment; also Learners wanted.—22, Lamb's Conduit-street, Holborn.

GIRLS wanted to learn Artificial Flower Making, from 14 years of age, 2s. per week to commence.—L. Samuel, 3 and 4, Brackley-street, Golden-lane.

BETWEEN SERVANT, age 14 to 20, 3 in family, no children, cook and house-parlourmaid kept, good place, wages £10 to £12.—Call or write to Mrs. P., Hetherington's, 216, Edgware-road, W. (over Singer's).

MACHINISTS (Wheeler's).—Good experience, for Sunshades.—Apply, 15 and 16, Adam and Eve-court, Oxford-street, W.

MACHINISTS.—Experienced indoor, underclothing (Lace work); also outdoor Nightgown hands, constant work; good prices.—Hinton, 15, Moor-lane.

PAPER HANGINGS.—Wanted, first-class MACHINE PRINTER, must be experienced and used to first-class work.—Knowles and Co., Blenheim Works, Chelsea.

PARENTS and Guardians.—Vacancy for an Apprentice to Millinery Show Room, &c., young girl just left school preferred, small premium.—64, Barbican, Aldersgate-street, E.C.

MILLINERS (Mourning, &c.).—Experienced Hands, used to wholesale, wanted, constant employment, liberal terms.—64, Barbican, Aldersgate-street, E.C.

PACKERS and SORTERS.—Young Women required as Learners, must be capable with needle.—Apply, Spiers and Pond, Ld., Warriner-gardens, Battersea.

IRONING APPRENTICES.—Young Women required, 16 to 20, to Learn general Ironing, wages paid.—Apply, Spiers and Pond, Ld., Warriner-gardens, Battersea.

SITUATIONS VACANT—(CONTINUED).

YOUTH wanted to learn Hairdressing, must be thoroughly respectable.—Apply, Mr. Walker, 86, Strand.

CARPET SEWERS.—Women required in Carpet Department, must be capable and experienced.—Apply, Spiers and Pond, Ld., Warriner-gardens, Battersea.

IRONERS.—Shirt, best Body Linen, and Blouse Ironers required, piecework, best prices and accommodation given, permanent work all the year.—Spiers and Pond, Ld., Warriner-gardens, Battersea.

PNEUMATIC TYRES.—CANVAS CUTTERS and MAKERS wanted, applications treated with strictest confidence, state age, experience, and wages required.—Apply, by letter, to Canvas, c.o. Messrs. Walker and Co., 14, Old Broad-street, E.C.

PNEUMATIC TYRE MAKERS, SOLUTIONERS, WIRERS, CANVAS FOLDERS, and CANVAS JOINERS wanted, state knowledge of these branches, age, and wages required.—All applications treated confidentially.—Apply, Tyres, c.o. Messrs. Walker and Co., 14, Old Broad-street, E.C.

SEA Vacancies for Cadet Apprentices in Ships, large tonnage, bound Australia, India, &c.; premium moderate; wages given; instructed in navigation; berthed and mess aft; outfit lists free.—Apply, Owners, E., 2, Arthur-st. West, London, E.C.

VAN TRAVELLERS.—Four Young Men wanted, 25 to 30 years of age, married, tall, of smart appearance, good pair-horse drivers, and accustomed to soliciting trade.—Apply by letter only, giving full particulars of past experience, to T., c.o. R. White and Sons, Limited, Mineral Water Manufacturers, Cunard-street, Camberwell, S.E.

GOOD Situations can be obtained for Cooks, House-parlourmaids, Nurses, and Generals.—All classes should apply at the well-known Agency in the Soho Bazaar, 77, Oxford-street. Ladies come and engage daily. Open 10.0 till 4.0.

SITUATIONS.—All seeking Situations, Male and Female, Army, Navy Men, &c., should register their requirements at Hill and Courtney's Employment Bureau, 23, Farringdon-street, London, E.C. Hundreds suited; see testimonials; call or write. Employers supplied free.

SITUATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.—Housekeepers, Housemaids, Cooks, and General Servants willing to pay fare to Cape Town will please send copy of testimonials, age, photo, wages required, and P.O.O. for 1s. (to cover expense of correspondence) to W. Wellstead, Employment Agency, 20, Castle-street, Cape Town. Numerous vacancies at all times. First-class situations found for suitable applicants. N.B.—This is bona fide.

AGENTS required for important domestic article of daily consumption; sample paid, six stamps.—Patentee, 128, Canonbury-avenue, London.

HOME WRITING, copying recipes, remuneration from 1s. per dozen copies, sample recipes 1s. 1d. (returnable unless appointed) and stamped addressed envelope.—Stanley, Bellison-street, Poplar, London.

HOME SEWING.—Plain, easy work, forwarded through parcels post; £1 weekly earned, everywhere; patterns and instruction book, 4 stamps.—G. Williamson, 24, Pearson-street, Stockton-on-Tees.

10s. 6d. to £3 a week salary can be earned in spare hours or evenings by either sex, everywhere. Guarantee sent to any person enclosing addressed envelope in own writing to F. Paynter and Co. (F 161), Albert House, St. Marychurch, Torquay.

LADIES secure good incomes by genteel Home Employment with the New Automatic Knitter; cash or hire; work obtainable.—Address, F. S. Department, 67, Southwark-street, London; 15, Oxford-street; or 172, Upper-street, London.

AGENTS.—Energetic Men can earn £3 per week selling our Patent Tablets; required by every shopkeeper in United Kingdom; can be worked in spare time; particulars free.—J. Brand and Co., Printers, Clerkfair, London, E.C.

AGENTS Wanted.—Money easily made in spare time; best paying agency going; experience unnecessary; constant income assured; particulars free, also Pocket Rubber Stamp of your Name and Address.—The Richford Maig Co., Snow Hill, London.

7s. 6d. to 15s. 6d. weekly salary offered to either sex everywhere for their spare moments; work may be done evenings.—For particulars send addressed envelope to M. Trusscott and Co., Glendower, Tor Vale (160), Torquay.

HANDS wanted, evenings or other spare time; the work is light, easily learned, and a thoroughly genuine occupation, suitable to either sex; good remuneration and constant employment to bona fide workers.—A. Ingett, Emsworth, Hants.

AT HOME EMPLOYMENT (genuine), either sex, postal wrapper addressing; only as stated; directory and instructions crossed P.O. for 1s. 2d. returnable on completion of work.—N. Moult, 408, Safe Deposit, Manchester.

MONEY CAN BE EARNED "AT HOME," spare hours evenings; no canvassing or rubber stamps; stamped addressed envelope for proof.—Wholesale Trading Co. (P.), Chatwode-road, Tooting.

£2 WEEKLY upwards easily earned in spare time by either sex, on sound, permanent principles.—For particulars enclose addressed envelope, Evans, Watts, and Co. (P. 1,135), Merchants, Birmingham. (This is genuine.)

£1.—A CONDITIONAL SALARY of 12s. 6d. to £1 per week can be earned in spare hours or evenings, by either sex, who can write. Proof sent free anywhere to anyone sending a self-addressed envelope to T. Smith and Co. (Dept. 2A), 70, St. Helen's Gardens, North Kensington, W.

MEN, Youths, all classes, requiring any Employment, write or call; situation guide free; busy time; thousands suited; don't delay; town or country, distance no object.—Tanner and Co. (late Newington-causeway), 66, Alvey-street, Surrey-square, London. Men late Army, Navy, also write.

YOUR OWN MASTER.—A splendid living (whole or spare time) for all who obtain my Trade Recipes; 2s. returns £1; easy to make and sell; post free 1s. 6d. I will send a special present worth 7s. 6d. to all purchasers this week.—F. Ashworth, 43, Croft-street, Ryde.

HOTEL, Club, Restaurant, and Public-house Servants seeking situations, any capacity, London or country, apply Licensed Victuallers' Employment Association, 319, Strand, London. Manager, Mr. T. Harris. Thousands suited. Oldest established trade office, and only genuine address. Required immediately, Three Young Ladies as Barmaid, Pianist, and Vocalists for Country Hotel, Barmaids and Barmen, with and without experience, Boots and Markers, Cooks, and all classes of Domestic Servants. All should apply at once, and note only address, 319, Strand.

BUSINESSES, HOUSES, &c.

FREEHOLD LAND for SALE within 7 miles; prices from 20s.; easy instalments.—F. Ravenscroft, Southampton Buildings, W.C.

BRIGHTON.—Lease and Furniture of Ten-roomed House; rent £38; near Aquarium; price £150.—21, George-street, Brighton.

BLACKSMITH'S BUSINESSES for Sale in Sussex (two), incoming light.—Apply, W. T. Palmer, Auctioneer, Redhill.

FREEHOLD HOUSE.—No. 53, High-street, North Woolwich, including stable and coach-house; underlet at 3s. week; price only £250.—Courtenay, Wells, and Co., Croydon.

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LEAGUE MATCHES—FIRST DIVISION.

ASTON VILLA v. SUNDERLAND.

At Perry Barr, Birmingham. The encounter had interest from the fact that on the previous Saturday Sunderland, on their own ground, had beaten the Villa. Devey and Reynolds were again seen in the Villa team, and Wilkes kept goal for Whitehouse, while in the Sunderland ranks Campbell and Hamilton appeared in the places of Hannah and Harvey. The Villa had the best of matters in the first half, but Doig was fine in goal for Sunderland, and never failed to do what was required of him. Athersmith made some splendid centres, but the home forwards did not succeed in turning any of them to account, and at half-time neither side had scored. Directly on restarting the Villa forwards took the ball down, and Devey put in a shot that Doig stopped, but before he could clear Wheldon dashed up and rushed the ball through. Following this success the Villa pressed strongly, but the visitors defended capitally, Doig in goal being particularly good. Sunderland played up with great determination, and from a free kick Gillespie managed to equalise. The game was now more exciting than ever, and at length the Villa rushed another goal from a scrimmage. Right to the end the keen struggle continued, but there was no more scoring, and Aston Villa won by 2 goals to 1.

NOTTS FOREST v. BOLTON WANDERERS.

Sutcliffe re-appeared at goal for the Bolton Wanderers in this match at Nottingham, while Wragg again played in place of Stewart. The first half was extremely well-contested, each goal being in turn hotly assailed. Sutcliffe was given a fair number of shots to stop, and he acquitted himself most creditably, being always equal to the occasion. The Forest team redoubled their efforts as the interval drew near, but they met with no success, and half-time arrived without any scoring having taken place. Notts Forest started the second half in brilliant form, and after a goal had been disallowed Arthur Capes scored. Jack and Thomson missed chances for the Wanderers, and Richards, the Forest centre, retired owing to an injury. McInnes played splendidly, and as he scored before the finish Notts Forest won the game by 2 goals to 0.

PRESTON NORTH END v. WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS.

At Preston. The prospects of the home team adding another to their list of victories seemed good, particularly as their record points to a decided superiority of their visitors. Starting in fine form, the home eleven soon attacked strongly, and after 12 minutes Henderson shot a goal for them. Boyd added a second directly afterwards, but then a couple of misfortunes befell the home team, Blyth and Tom Smith being injured and having to leave the field. Still, with only 9 men, Preston held their own, and, Smith returning, they again pressed. There was no more scoring before the interval, ends being changed with Preston leading by 2 goals to 0. Despite the handicap under which they laboured through the loss of one of their forwards, North End played up most pluckily in the second portion of the game. For a time the Wanderers pressed hard, but Preston defended in very fine form, and at length succeeded in driving their opponents back. From a clever centre by Smith, Boyd succeeded in putting the ball into the net, and before the finish a grand shot by Stevenson gave the home side another point. Thus, in the end Preston North End gained a highly meritorious and brilliant victory by 4 goals to 0.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION v. EVERTON.

At West Bromwich. Everton won the toss, and Bell soon occasioned Reader some anxiety. After Flewitt had shot wide at the other end, Bell compelled Williams to concede a corner, which proved fruitless, and then from a pass by Perry, Flewitt sent in a shot which nearly scored for the Albion. However, as matters turned out, neither side met with any success in the first half, no goals having been scored at the change of ends. In the second half Everton played up wonderfully well, and Bell and Taylor scored in rapid succession, while Bell quickly followed with a third point, the Albion appearing to be greatly discouraged by these successes on the part of their opponents. Williams missed in kicking at the ball and enabled Taylor to add another goal for the visitors, and before the finish Perry managed to score for the Albion, the game ending in a victory for Everton by 4 goals to 1.

BLACKBURN ROVERS v. DERBY COUNTY.

At Blackburn. The Rovers took the field without Anderson, their captain, who is under suspension, and as Ogilvie, the regular goalkeeper, is injured, Joy took the place of the latter between the posts. Play, curiously enough, went laggely in favour of the Blackburn team, for whom Wilkie scored within 8 minutes of the kick off. Later on Hargreaves added a second point, and, while the visitors failed to break through the Rovers defence, Wilkie put on a third goal for the home side before half-time, with the result that when ends were changed Blackburn led by 3 goals to 0. The game had not long been started afresh when Miller scored Derby's first goal. This success encouraged the Derby team to great efforts, and the Rovers being hard pressed one of their backs fisted the ball away. From the penalty awarded Archie Goodall obtained a second goal for Derby County. However, the Rovers soon put the result beyond doubt. Nichol kicked a fourth goal and Booth a fifth, the Rovers thus winning the game by 5 goals to 2.

BURNLEY v. SHEFFIELD UNITED.

At Turf Moor, Burnley. Burnley were without Longair, and for the first time tried Almond. When play had lasted a quarter of an hour Taylor kicked a goal for Burnley, but for the rest of the first half the game was even in character, nothing further being scored. Ross, of the Sheffield team, was unfortunate in being hurt. The second half was stubbornly contested, but the United were greatly handicapped by losing Ross, who found himself forced to retire from the field after about 10 minutes' play. Still the Sheffield men more than held their own, and from a corner Priest succeeded in equalising. This was the last point scored, and a good game ended in a draw of 1 goal each.

LIVERPOOL v. STOKE.

At Liverpool, and resulted in a win for the Liverpool team by 1 goal to 0, the only point obtained being scored in the first half. Stoke had very bad luck, for just after the second half began Heames twisted his knee, and had to be carried off the field. Following this disaster Stoke had for some time to play strictly on the defensive, but though their goal was literally bombarded, the ball never got through. Eventually they attacked, and on several occasions nearly scored. At the close Liverpool were pressing hotly.

RECORD TO YESTERDAY.

	Plyd.	Won	Drn.	Lost	Pts.
Aston Villa	20	12	4	4	28
Liverpool	24	11	6	7	28
Everton	20	11	3	6	25
Derby County	21	11	3	7	25
Sheffield United	19	8	8	3	24
Preston North End	19	8	7	4	23
Bolton Wanderers	19	9	4	6	22
W. B. Albion	22	8	5	9	21
Sheffield Wednesday	20	7	6	7	20
Notts Forest	21	7	5	9	19
Blackburn Rovers	22	8	3	11	19
Bury	18	4	8	6	16
Burnley	19	4	6	9	14
Wlvrhmptn. Wnds.	20	5	4	11	14
Stoke	20	6	2	12	14
Sunderland	22	4	6	12	14

SECOND DIVISION.

Lincoln City beat Darwen by 1 goal to 0.

Leicester Fosse beat Burton Wanderers by 2 goals to 1.

Newcastle United beat Blackpool by 4 goals to 1.

Burton Swifts drew with Grimsby Town, no scoring.

Notts County beat Walsall by 3 goals to 1.

ASSOCIATION CUP—QUALIFYING COMPETITION—FIFTH ROUND.

MILLWALL ATHLETIC v. WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

At Millwall, and long before the time set for starting the ground was packed throughout. A seething mass, thousands strong, surged round the gates, and before the commencement forced their way in, the gates at last being thrown open unconditionally, but not before 2 people at least fainted, and had to be carried away. The entrances were terribly inadequate, and so was the press accommodation, it being utterly impossible to get anywhere near the box supposed to be reserved for reporters. Punctually to time (2.30) Meade started operations for Woolwich, but the home contingent immediately got away with the ball, and gave the Arsenal custodian a very busy time, the ball being sent only inches over the Woolwich net twice in the first 5 minutes. Indeed, all through the game Millwall displayed immense superiority, but it was 25 minutes off the start before scoring commenced. Geddes and Colney then, by a fine piece of dribbling, took the ball in front of the visitors' net, and McKenzie just touching it Leather was beaten, and the home team scored the first point. For the next 10 minutes nothing further occurred, but then Geddes added the second for Millwall amidst tremendous excitement. The last 5 minutes of this half were very momentous, and after Geddes had added the third goal for the home team, Woolwich broke clear away, and in as many minutes scored twice, Doyle and O'Brien being the gainers. Play was very much of the "Cup-tie" order—dash and rush being most characteristic on both sides. Half-time came with the score 3 to 2 in favour of the home team. After the interval Woolwich made strenuous efforts to equalise, play at times being very vigorous. More than once Capt. Simpson had to speak to the players, fouls being abundant. Still the home lot manifested undoubted superiority, and Gettins, with a grand high and strong shot, scored in the corner of the net, Leather being helpless. The Arsenal men could not add to their score, and the final was:—Millwall, 4 goals; Woolwich Arsenal, 2 goals. The visiting forwards were clearly outplayed, and but for a spasmodic attempt or two had to act on the defensive throughout. Leather, the Arsenal goal-keeper, was constantly called upon during the second half, whereas Canter only had to handle 3 times. Millwall, too, forced no less than 6 corners during the game, whilst the Woolwich men on 2 occasions only gained similar advantage. To accurately estimate the crowd present is difficult, for the roof of the stand and all the hoardings round were swarming with onlookers, but there could not have been less than 14,000 present—probably more.

Luton v. Tottenham Hotspur.—These 2 clubs having beaten Marlow and Maidenhead respectively in the penultimate round of the Qualifying Competition between the clubs forming Division 9, met at Luton in the concluding stage of the struggle. For a time the teams proved very well matched, and although play was fast and clever, the defence on each side was too strong for the attack with the result that, despite some very energetic work, half-time arrived without a goal to either eleven. Immediately after the resumption, however, McInnes obtained a goal for the home team, and within the next few minutes the same player repeated his success amidst tremendous enthusiasm. For a long time afterwards Tottenham prevented any further addition to the home team's advantage, but within 5 minutes of the close Gallacher put the ball into the net, and so Luton qualified for participation in the actual competition for the Cup with a victory by 3 goals to 0. They meet West Bromwich Albion at Luton on Jan. 30.

Stockton beat Bishop-Auckland by 2 goals to 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Gravesend v. Southampton St. Mary's.—On their own ground, at Gravesend, the Gravesend team gave Southampton St. Mary's a splendid game. The first goal was scored for St. Mary's by Buchanan, and after some keen and interesting play Podmore succeeded in equalising for the home side 10 minutes before the interval. The struggle was extremely stubborn in the second half, but neither side scored, and the match ended in a draw of 1 goal each.

Wolverton v. New Brompton.—At Wolverton. At the end of the first half nothing had been scored, but towards the close of the second half Wolverton broke away—after sustaining a severe and prolonged attack from the visitors—and Cotterill, seizing the opportunity afforded him by a fine pass, scored for Wolverton, who gained a hard-earned victory by 1 goal to 0.

Reading v. Swindon.—At Reading. Each club was fully represented, and at times fine play was witnessed. Reading did most of the attacking, but the Swindon defence was very good, and the result of the encounter was a draw, without a goal being scored by either side.

SECOND DIVISION.

At Chesham, Chesham, 3 goals, beat Maidenhead, 2 goals.

At Chatham, Royal Engineers, 2 goals; 1st Coldstream Guards, 1 goal.

At Watford, 1st Scots Guards, 3 goals, beat West Herts, 1 goal.

At Warmley, Warmley, 2 goals, drew with Freemantle, 2 goals.

LONDON CHARITY CUP.—FINAL TIE.

OLD CARTHUSIANS (Holders) v. CASUALS.

Great interest was taken in the meeting of the Old Carthusians and Casuals, on the Essex County Ground, at Leyton, in the final stage of the London Charity Cup Competition. Each side was very strongly represented, internationals figuring in each team, and a company numbering from 3,000 to 4,000 witnessed a very fast and finely-contested game. Smith started the game for the Carthusians at 2.45, and the Casuals at once attacked. The attack ended in the ball going behind, and then for a time the play ruled very even, the ball travelling from one end of the ground to the other at a great pace. Smith was, of course, watched very closely, but from a pass by Vassal he sent in a fast, low shot, which Campbell finely diverted at the expense of a corner. At the other end both Collier and Alexander shot just wide of goal. Each goalkeeper was afterwards called upon in turn, while a shot by Guy only just missed the mark. There was very little to choose between the teams, but after forty minutes' play a pass from the right wing enabled Alexander to score for the Casuals, the ball striking the inside of one of the uprights and bounding into the net. Through a miskick, W. F. Stanbrough failed to take advantage of a capital centre by Hewitt, and half-time arrived with the Casuals leading by 1 goal to 0. Upon the resumption of the game, the play continued of a very even character, each side pressing hard in turn, and the pace was fully maintained. After Campbell had saved very finely from Vassal, the Casuals got down, and from a pass by Topham, Collier scored. Directly afterwards the Casuals again got down, and Collier again scored from a pass by Alexander. The Carthusians tried hard and repeatedly threatened danger, but the Casuals now had the best of the game, and from a run and pass by Burnup another goal was registered by Collier, while a little later Topham ran down on the right wing and scored a fifth goal with a fine shot. The Casuals, who had all the best of matters in the last 20 minutes, won by 5 goals to 0.

SUFFOLK v. NORFOLK.

A the County Ground, Lakenham, Norwich, a return match was played before a meagre attendance in dull cold weather. In the first encounter at Ipswich, Norfolk were defeated by a try to 0, but now avenged themselves, and won by 2 goals (1 dropped and try) 12 points to a try. The game was exceedingly even, and at times very exciting. During the first half, though both teams frequently visited each other's territory, no scoring was effected. However, in the second 35 minutes Norfolk played with marked improvement, and 15 minutes from the start Norrington scored a try through excellent work by Bullard and Doggett. Steward easily converted. The visitors responded. Coover's try was not improved. Both teams exhibited good passing, but Norfolk three-quarters were superior to the visiting set. Before the close Bullard dropped a capital goal, while Fletcher, a minute before the finish, added another try.

LONDON CALEDONIANS v. SHEPPEY UNITED.

At Caledonian Park. Throughout the first half of the game the Caledonians had matters very much their own way, although the visitors played with great spirit. Their passing was rather poor, however, and they did not seem to be quite so fast as their opponents. Russell was the first to score for the Caledonians, and subsequently Murison, by a very smart bit of heading, placed a second goal to the credit of the home team. The Sheppey men made vigorous attacks upon the Caledonian goal, but their efforts were unrewarded with success consequent upon the splendid defence of the home backs. The score still remained 2 to 0 in favour of the Caledonians at half-time. On resuming play, a decided improvement was noticeable in the form displayed by Sheppey United, whose tactics were now equal in every respect to those of their somewhat heavier-built opponents. Within 10 minutes Murray had reduced the Caledonians' lead by a point, and the team now combined to equalise matters. In this, however, they were not successful, but, at the same time, they managed to keep their own goal free from further invasion, and an exciting, well-contested game eventually ended in favour of the Caledonians by 2 goals to 1.

CLAPTON v. NORTHFLEET.

At Upton. The visitors had a strong team, with the assistance of Marjoram, but Clapton were weak, mainly through illness, being without Mayes, Regan, Allen, and Morgan. A quarter of an hour from the start, a fine piece of play by Milton and Hughes on the left wing enabled Browne to score. Shortly afterwards Greaves equalised, Earle having left his goal, and another splendid shot by Greaves gave the visitors the lead. With 2 to 1 against them Clapton forced the game after the interval, and it became very rough. Prior took Earle's place in goal, the latter going forward. Immediately afetrwards Grant scored again for Northfleet, who thus won by 3 goals to 1.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Grand Pont Juniors beat St. Mary and St. John by 7 goals to 2. Victoria (2nd) beat St. Barnabas by 3 goals to 1. Cowley beat St. Paul's (2nd) by 6 goals to 1.

SOUTHAMPTON AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Southampton Albion, 1; Geneva Cross, 0. Fitzhugh, 1; Portswood, 0. Bournemouth Wanderers, 5; Christ Church, 0. Swallows, 3; Gordon-avenue, 0. Cowes Reserves, 5; Chandler's Ford, 1. Andover, 8; Swindon Railway Works, 0. Shirley St. James's, 5; Salisbury Swifts, 2. Eastleigh Albion, 3; Carlton, 1.

WALTHAMSTOW MATCHES.

Walthamstow Havelock, 1; Woodgrange Wesley, 1. Old Brightonians, 3; Old Cholmelians, 0. Old Monovians, 3; Novicians, 2. Toynbee Hall, 2; Old Lonsburians, 1. Old Vermontians, 1; Olympian, 0. Brentford, 4; Clapton Clifton, 0. Walthamstow Holborn (A), 1; Bow Avondale, 1. Grange, 2; St. Michael's, 1. Templars, 3; Walthamstow Town Reserves, 0. Melrose, 2; Elmsdale, 2. Avenue, 0; Clarendon, 0. Lads' Institute, 6; Webbe Institute, 0. Grove, 2; Walthamstow Rovers, 0. Elmsdale, 5; Leytonstone Wesley, 0. Austin Rovers, 4; Webbe (2nd), 0. Webbe (3rd), 1; Higham Hill, 1. Claremont, 2; Oxford House, 0.

FINSBURY PARK AND HARRINGAY MATCHES.

Ferndale, 0, drew with St. Barnabas, 0. Whirby, 1, drew with Trinity, 1. Victoria, 3; Christ Church, 1. Seven Sisters, 2; Harringay, 0. West Green, 5; Downhills, 0. West Green, 5; Downhills, 0. Abbotsford, 2; Eagle, 0. Malvern, 3; Barnet, 0.

HIGHGATE AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Falcon, 6; Melgund Swifts, 0. St. Luke's, 3; Avondale, 1. St. Luke's Reserves, 4; Star Swifts, 2. Ferm Park Institute, 2; St. Paul's, Holloway, 0. Unitas (1st), 2; Unitas (2nd), 1. Arundel, 3; New Southgate Reserves, 0. Hampden Rovers, 2; Diamonds, 1.

KINGSTON MATCHES.

Kingston-on-Thames, 1; Hampton Hill, 0. Polytechnic (F), 2; Middle Mill (A), 1.

MAIDSTONE MATCHES.

Arsenal (A), 5; Maidstone Invicta, 0. Depot, 7; North Star, 1. Loose, 2; Church Institute, 1. Invicta (A) beat Hinton Church. Institute (A) beat Loose (A).

WATFORD MATCHES.

1st Scots Guards, 3; West Herts, 0. West Herts Reserves, 3; Harrow Athletic, 2. Wanderers, 2; Hemel Hampstead, 0. Mascot Ramblers, 4; Wanderers Reserves, 1. St. Mary's, 1; Minerva, 0. Athletic, 2; Berkhampstead, 1.

CLAPHAM COMMON MATCHES.

Falcon Swifts, 3; Westminster Albion, 2. Celtic Rangers, 4; Clapham Albion, 3. Westminster Ramblers, 0; St. Matthew's Old Boys, 0. Parthians, 0; Alleyn (A), 0. Sumner, 2; Mostyn, 1. Plough Rovers, 2; Ethelbury, 2. Hackford Rovers, 4; Winstanley, 0. Lavender Hill, 7; St. Peter's (Battersea), 0. Armies, 2; St. Barnabas (Pimlico), 2. Alliance, 3; Granville, 1. Beaufoy Institute, 1; Ashbourne Swifts, 0. Grosvenor, 2; Woodville, 1. Wingfield House (1st), 2; Stein F.C., 2. Clapham Trinity, 3; Wingfield House (2nd), 0. Hungarian Rovers, 5; Chelsea Albion, 1. 42nd London Brigade, 2; 4th London Brigade, 0.

PALMER'S GREEN MATCHES.

Carlton Athletic, 5; Montague, 1. Gresham, 1; Belgrave, 0.

TOTTENHAM MARSHES MATCHES.

Ormonde Swifts, 1; Asplin Rovers, 0 (North Middlesex League). Newlyn drew with Granville, no scoring. Stanley, 0, drew with Defence, 0. Primrose Athletic, 2; Willoughby Albions, 1. Tottenham Unity, 0; Tottenham Carlton, 0. Old Copcarians, 2; Park, 1.

READING AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Reading, 0; Swindon, 0. Pangbourne, 7; Mr. Blake's Team, 0. Caversham, 7; Thatcham, 1. Reading Temperance, 2; Abingdon, 1. Reading Excelsior, 4; Cumberland Rovers, 1. Y.M.C.A., Reading, 2; Wokingham Magpies, 2. Reading University Extension College, 4; Old Kendrick Reserves, 1. East Reading Juniors, 4; St. John's, Reading Athletic, 1. Reading St. Luke's, 5; Caversham St. John's, 3. British School, 5; Reading Central, 1. West Reading Phoenix, 4; Early St. Peter's, 0. Reading Redlands School, 7; Reading St. John's School, 0. Reading Defiance, 11; Tield Hall Rovers, 0. St. Mary's School, 2; Reading, 1. Early Juniors, 3; St. Giles' Brigade, Reading, 1. Reading Telegraph Messengers, 4; Mr. McLiebenrood's Eleven, 0. Henley Juniors, 2; Wargrave, 1. Henley, 3; Reading Clarence, 0. Grovelands, Reading, 6; Reading Y.M.C.A. Reserves, 2. Newbury Reserves, 5; 49th Regimental District, 4. Reading Biscuit Factory Stores Reserves, 3; Reading Castle Institute, 2.

ALDERSHOT MATCHES.

St. Augustine's Reserves, 2; North End Reserves, 0. North End beat St. Joseph's (2nd). St. Joseph's beat Holy Trinity. 15th Hussars beat Godalming. Seaforth Highlanders, 2; Army Service Corps, 2. Aldershot Institute, 3; Medical Staff Corps, 2.

MAIDENHEAD MATCHES.

Chesham beat Maidenhead by 3 goals to 2. Maidenhead Norfolkians and Maidenhead Reserves played a drawn game of 2 goals each.

HERTFORD AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Ware, 1; Clapton Ferncliffe, 2. Ware Y.M.F.S., 3; Cheney's F.C., 3. Ware Excelsior, 2; Haileybury Servants, 1. Horns Mill, 1; Stanstead, 2. Port Vale Rovers, 3; Welwyn, 1. Port Vale (2nd), 2. Stevenage Post Office, 1. Hatfield (2nd), 1; Hertingfordbury, 5. Stevenage, 2; Longmores, 1.

WYCOMBE MATCHES.

In the second round of the Berks and Bucks Cup, Wycombe Wanderers beat Newbury by 1 goal to nil. In the fourth round of the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup, Wycombe Phoenix beat Marlow Swifts by 4 goals to 1. Wycombe Trinity, 1; Downley Juniors, 0. Wycombe Alexandra, 3; Victory Hall, 2.

HYDE FARM MATCHES.

Kennington, 0; St. Mark's, Kennington, 0. Rabbits', 2; Hatcham, 2. Leigham (A), 1; Balham Park (A), 0. St. Saviour's, 13; Meteor, 0. Oaks, 2; Fernleigh, 0. Ferncliffe, 4; Brixton Hornets, 1.

WHITE HART LANE MATCHES.

Enfield Spartans, 2; Noel Park, 0. Old Noellians, 3; Electric III., 0. Old Tottonians, 3; Clapton Wanderers, 0. Albion, 2; Waverley, 2. (N. Middlesex League.) Noel Park School, 3; Page Green School, 2. Clove, 3; Stamford Hill, 1. Aldenham Inst. III., 1; Templars Reserves, 1. Lipton's, 4; Corbin Institute, 0.

WOLVERTON AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Wolverton L. and N.-W. defeated New Brompton by 1 goal to 0. Wolverton Trinity beat Aylesbury Printers Reserves by 4 to 0. St. George's drew with L. and N.-W. Officers, 2 each. St. George's Reserves, 1; St. James's, 0.

WINDSOR MATCHES.

Eton Temperance, 3; Windsor Phoenix, 0. Loudwater, 2; Windsor and Eton Reserves, 0. Mr. Smabridge's Team, 5; Mr. Chapman's, 0.

BOWES PARK MATCHES.

Avenue, 2; Melville, 1. Ramblers, 3; Southgate Engineering Co., 4. Tollington Rovers, 1; Vernon (B), 0. Bowes Church, 4; Broomfield, 1. Highfield, 1; Denham Athletic, 0. Crouch End Reserves, 3; Old St. Stephen's, 0 (Middlesex Senior Cup).

SOUTHGATE MATCHES.

Holborn Circus Reserves, 5; Southgate Reserves, 1. Southgate, 4; St. Barnabas, 0. St. James's (Edmonton), 1; Park School, 0. Collegiate, 3; St. Mary's Guild, 2. Albert Rovers, 1, drew with Belmont, 1.

VICTORIA PARK MATCHES.

City Wanderers, 1; Langdon, 0. Albert, 8; St. Peter's, 0. Central Rovers, 3; Centenary, 3.

HACKNEY MARSHES MATCHES.

Eton Mission, 2; Millwall Alliance, 0 (Middlesex Junior Cup). St. Luke's (Hackney), 4; Druids, 0. Bohemians, 1; Aberdeen Athletic, 0 (North Eastern Alliance). Denbigh, 2; Pride of Stratford, 0. Royal Blue, 0; Bromley Excels, 0. Darning Rovers, 2; Alston Rovers, 0. St. Peter's, 2; Lovey's Athletic, 0. Northumberland, 0; Yale, 0. Lily, 5; Bath Juvenile 0. Pot Athletic, 4; Percy, 0. Black Eagle, 3; Burdett Coutts, 1. Montague Rovers, 4; Silverdale, 2. Imperial, 2; Repton, 1.

RAYNES PARK MATCHES.

Charing Cross Hospital scratched to Marcians. St. John's Juniors, 9; Cranley Juniors, 1. Cheltenham College, 3; Granville, 0. Geneva scratched to St. Mark's, Kennington. Whitecross, 5; St. Stephen's Old Boys, 0. Clayton, 3; Herne Hill, 0 (Camberwell and Brixton League). Erith United, 3; Eagle Wanderers, 0 (South London League). Raynes Park Rovers, 5; Corpus Christi, 0. Celtic Rangers (1st), 4; Ind, 0. Carlton Rovers, 7; Battersea Polytechnic (1st), 1. St. Michael's, 1; St. John's, 0. Clapham Hawthorne, 5; Church Institute, 0.

Snow commenced to fall heavily in the Raynes Park district early last night, and the grounds, which were very dry, soon presented a very wintry appearance.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

West Ham Schools, 12; Woolwich, 0. Heckford-road, 4; Winstanley-road, 0. Oldfield-road, 2; Strond Green, 0. Stock-street, 3; Godwin-road (2nd), 2.

WILLESDEN GREEN MATCHES.

Cavendish (2nd), 5; Prairie Rangers (2nd), 0. Clarence, 1; Crescent Hampstead, 0. Marylebone Church, 2; St. Michael's (Paddington), 1. Willesden Rovers, 5; Broadwater Reserves, 0 (North London League). Endsleigh, 8; Tavistock (4 short), 2.

EAST FINCHLEY MATCHES.

United, 2; Wesley United, 1. St. Luke's, 4; Star Swifts, 2. St. Luke's (Kentish Town), 3; Tottenham Avondale, 1. Ferme Park, 2; St. Paul's (Holloway), 0. Falcon, 6; Melgund Swifts, 0.

NEWBURY MATCHES.

Newbury, 0; Wycombe Wanderers, 1. Newbury Reserves, 5; 49th Regiment (Reading), 4. Newbury Pupil Teachers, 6; Newbury Star, 2. Newbury Albions, 1; Newbury Juniors, 1.

WORMWOOD SCRUBBS MATCHES.

All Saints, 3; Queen's, 2. Lily Athletic, 1; Craven Lodge, 0. St. Oswald's Athletic, 2; Chelsea P.T. (2nd), 0. St. Matthias (2nd), 5; Wingate, 2. Anchorites, 0; Brunswick, 0.

NORTH KENSINGTON MATCHES.

Ealing Postal, 1; Osborne, 1. St. Michael's, 3; Queen's Reserves, 2.

ST. QUENTIN'S MATCHES.

London Scottish R.V., 1; Old Hampton Gurney, 0. Pavilion, 1; Lancaster, 0. Sutherland Junior, 3; Poulteney Wanderers, 0. St. Matthew's Juniors, 3; St. Mary's, 0.

PARLIAMENT HILL MATCHES.

High Cross Institute, 5; Junior Cavershams, 2. Caxton, 4; Tufnell Park, 2. Argyll, 4; St. Martin's Nomads, 0. Granby Rovers, 1; Camberwell Becks, 0. Northern Light, 2; Hampstead Wasps, 1. Carlton Rovers, 1; Philomel, 0. Mayfield, 2; Leigh, 1. Gifford Hall, 4; Gospel Oak, 0. Goldhurst, 0; Hawley, 0. Crescent (Hampstead), 2; Holloway College, 0. College, 4; St. George's, 0. Highbury Hill, 4; Yerbury, 0. White Star, 4; Crescent, Finsbury, 1. Clarion, 3; St. Saviour's, 3.

PRIMROSE HILL MATCHES.

St. Mark's, 2; Doric, 1. Portman, 0; Brunswick, 0 Euston United, 1; Stanhope, 0. Hanbury Rovers, 2; Haddon House, 2. St. John's House, 11; 3rd Fusiliers V.R.C., 0. St. Augustine's, 3; Holy Trinity, 0. Osnaburgh's Vice Captain's Team, 3; Captain's Team, 0. Carlton's Vice Captain's Team, 3; Captain's Team, 1. Albion Rovers, 2; Hanover, 0. Wellington Rovers, 1; delaide Rovers, 0. Victoria, 6; Fusiliers, 0. Bloomsbury 1st Team, 4; 2nd Team, 1. Albion United, 1; Holdfast, 0. Christ Church, 3; Oxford Rovers, 1. Wilmington, 1; Wilton, 0.

REGENT'S PARK MATCHES.

Camphill Rovers, 5; West and Co., 0. Bryanston, 6; Pharmaceutical, 5. Lambeth, 3; Brunswick Athletic, 0. Mitre, 2; St. Luke's, 0. St. Luke's, 1; St. Albans, 0. Granville, 2; St. Bude's 1. Rovers, 1; Dakins, 0. Old Paul's, 2; Cronies, 1.

MERTON HALL AND WIMBLEDON MATCHES.

Finsbury Technical College, 2; Junior Polytechnic (1st), 1. Balham Wanderers (B), 1; Polytechnic (F), 0. Bloomsbury, 3; Polytechnic (C), 0. Alleyn, 2; Polytechnic Reserves, 0. Polytechnic (H), 0; Haydon's, 0. Old Quintinians Reserves, 1; Hope House (B), 1. Polytechnic (E), 2; Tooting Graveney Working-men's Club, 0. London Welsh Reserves, 1; Old Quintinians (1st), 0. Unity, 2; Vulcan, 1. Pickwick, 4; London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Athletic Club, 0. Hope House, 2; Wimbledon Old Centrals, 1. Old Centrals (2nd), 2; Clapham Old Town, 1. Wimbledon Centrals (3rd), 1; Tooting raveney, 1.

CHISWICK MATCHES.

Heathfield, 3; Star, 0. Working Men's XI., 1; Chiswick (Old Boys' XI.), 1. Wanstead Rovers, 2; St. John's (C), 0. Clyde, 6; White's Star, 3. All Souls, 1; Grove Park Wanderers, 0.

ACTON MATCHES.

Garfield, 3; East Acton Rangers, 0. St. Botolph's, 4; South Acton Rangers, 1; Mycroft, 1; Stedman's XI., 0. Acton Green Ramblers, 2; Eagle, 1. St. Mary's, 2; Fairlight, 0. St. Columb's Choir, 1; Congregational (2nd), 0. Woodville, 7; Manor Park, 4.

EALING MATCHES.

St. Matthew's Choir, 2; Boys' Athletic, 0. Old Oak, 1; Albany, 0. St. Alban's Ramblers, 6; Fairleigh, 3. Creffield, 3; St. Joseph's, 1. Haven Green, 1; Weald Mission (2nd), 0. Anchorites, 2; Grange F.C., 1.

SHEPHERD'S BUSH MATCHES.

Arlington F.C., 5; Wesleyan Mission, 2. Clifton Reserves, 1; Mount Park, 0. Steyne, 2; Working Men, 0. St. Stephen's, 5; Kent Athletic, 0. West-end, 1; City (A), 0. Oxford (2nd), 2; Grove House, 3. Harlesden, 2; St. Luke, 0. Herodowns, 5; Kensington, 1. Tooting Bee scratched to Old St. Stephen's.

BRIGHTON AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

North End Rangers, 4; Brighton Athletic, 1. Brighton Hornets, 2; Balham Wanderers, 1. Hove, 3; Brighton Alliance, 2. Salvador, 3; Hove Park, 0. Swifts, 9; West Tarring, 0. Richmond Rovers, 1; Preston Rovers, 0. Celtic, 2; Grasshopers, 0. Chapel Royal, 1; Clifton, 0. St. George's, 5; Higher Grade, 0. Glengall Rovers, 2, Belvedere, 1. Havelock, 7; Ramblers, 0. Brighton Athletic Reserves, 2; Preston Wanderers, 1. Portslade, 3; Brighton Hornets Reserves, 1. Excelsior, 1; North End Reserves, 1. Silver Star, 1; Royal Sussex Reserves, 0. At West Tarring, Southwick, 6; Worthing Athletic, 1. At Chichester, Regimentals, 4; Shoreham, 1. At Petworth, Horsham, 7, Petworth, 1. At Worthing, Worthing, 5; Arundel, 0. At Chichester, Bagnor, 2; Chichester, 1. At Wick, Wick, 1; Crawley, 3. At Littlehampton, Littlehampton, 2; Swifts, 0. At Haywards Heath, Haywards Heath, 5; Hove Gypsies, 1. At Portslade, Hove Strollers, 2; Portslade, 0. At Worthing, Worthing Reserves, 2; Steyning, 0. At Southwick, Stragglers, 4; Burnett's Eleven, 1. At Southwick, Ramblers, 3, Portslade Swifts, 2. At Lancing, Regimental Reserves, 3; Lancing, 1.

PORTSMOUTH AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Army Service Corps Aldershot, 1; Army Service Corps, Portsmouth, 0. Mile-end Rovers, 3; Gosport White Ensign, 0. Red Star, 3; Marine Artillery, 1. Fareham, 4; White Company, 0. Southsea Rovers Reserves, 1; Portsmouth Post Office, 0. Newport, 2; Cowes Red Star, 1. Albert-road School, 2; St. Jude's, 1. Ryde Wanderers, 3; Haylands, 2. Highland-road School, 9; Omega-street School, 0. St. James's Hall, 3; H.M.S. Vincent, 0. Portsmouth Town School, 3; Kent-street School, 1. Emsworth, 4; Southsea Athletics, 0. 15th Company R.A., 2; Ryde, 0. Scottish Rifles, 2; 32nd Co. R.A., 0. 5th Co. Hants Artillery, 5; 3rd Co., 0. Havant Eclipse, 5; Silver Star, 3. Gosport Criterions, 2; Portsmouth Hornets, 0. Milton School, 2; Arundel-street School, 1. Bramble-road School, 4; Binstead-road School, 0. Penhale-road School, 2; New-road School, 0. Drayton-road School v. Fratton-street School, no score. New Port Victorias, 3; Seaview, 0. Cowes Reserves, 5; Chandler's Ford, 1. St. Paul's, 5; Blue Company, 0. Havant Eclipse, 2; Crusaders, 0. Wiltshire Regiment, 3; Dockyard Athletics, 1; Ryde Athletics, 3; Victorias, 2. Ramblers, 5; Britannias, 0. Red Cross, 4; Angelsea, 0. Dockyard, 1; Cowes Victoria Cross, 0. White Cross, 4; Buckingham Rovers, 2. Portsmouth Rovers, 1; Southsea Swifts, 0. Laurels v. Buckinghams, no score.

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Beccles Caxton, 1; Halesworth, 1. Saxmundham, 4; Beccles Town, 1. Haverhill Rovers, 2; Newmarket, 1. Sudbury, 2; Bury Alexandra, 1. Ipswich (A), 4; Orwell Works, 3. Chelmsford, 4; Heybridge, 2. Braintree, 1; Earl's Colne, 1. Manningtree United, 2; Colchester Crown, 1. Chelmsford (A), 2; Heybridge (A), 1. Harwich (A), 2; Halstead, 2. Colchester Albions, 2; Spartans, 1. St. Mary Stoke, 0; Cowell's (Ipswich), 3; Pretty's Athletic, 1; St. Lawrence Works, 1. St. Matthew's, 1; Lawrence, 0. St. Matthew's, 1; Free Methodists, 1. Woodbridge, 6; Ipswich Y.M.C.A., 1. Kirkley, 4; York and Lancaster Regiment, 2. Lowestoft, 2; Norwich, 1. Bungay Chaucer, 5; Diss, 0. Stowmarket, 2; Long Melford, 1. Yarmouth St. Paul's, 1; South Yarmouth, 0. Colchester St. Peter's Rangers, 4; Frinton, 0. Halstead Excelsiors, 1; Braintree United, 1. Cambridge Moths, 2; Haverhill (A), 1. Beccles Town (A), 0; Caxton (A), 0. Lowestoft (A), 2; North Yarmouth (A), 0. Sudbury Wanderers, 6; Acton, 0. King's Lynn, 3; Peterborough, 0. Halstead (A), 4; Earl's Colne (A), 1. Essex Volunteers (Dovercourt), 1; Y.M.P.C., 1. West End Excelsiors (A), 1; Bramford (A), 1. Churchmen's Athletic, 1; Higher Grade School, 1. Woodbridge (A), 3; Dinsdale Rangers, 1. Oulton Broad United, 2; Beccles Oddfellows, 1. St. Giles', 1; Colchester All Saints, 0. Grammar School, 4; Burlington United, 3. Argyle-st. School, 0; Johnson's Works, 0. St. Clement's (Ipswich), 3; Powell's Eleven, 1. St. Clement's Rangers, 6; St. Pancras, 1. St. Helen's (A), 3; Trinity Boys, 2. West End Excelsiors, 3; St. John's, 0. Trinity Boys (A), 5; St. Clement's Choir, 1. Town Choristers, 6; Gippeswyke, 4. McLaren's Eleven, 2; Dovercourt School, 1. St. Mary Stoke School, 3; Stoke Rangers, 1. Castle Hedingham, 3; Halstead Working Men, 1. W. A. Harratt's Eleven (Ipswich), 4; Handford Rangers, 0. Old Chelmsfordians, 2; Chelmsford Y.M.C.A., 0. St. Margaret's Rovers, 3; Harvey's Eleven (Ipswich), 1. Bury Alexandra (A), 3; Thetford Juniors, 2. Bury College Gate, 3; Bury St. Edmund's, 0. St. Mary's, 4; Northgate Rovers (Bury St. Edmund's), 0. Colchester Wesleyans, 1; North-st., 0. Kirkley (A), 7; North Lowestoft Juniors, 1. Northgate Star, 4; East End United, 1. Standard Ironworks, 2; Greenstead United, 0. Hythe Congregational, 4; Victoria Rovers (Colchester), 3. Castle Rangers, 2; St. Leonard's, 1.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Hastings, 2; Hailsham, 2. Rockandre, 4; Bexhill, 0. Rye, 3; Army Service Corps, 3. Hovis, 5; Artillery, 2. Battle, 3; Ticehurst, 1. St. Leonard's Wanderers, 2; Old Hastorians, 1.

WANSTEAD FLATS MATCHES.

Plaistow, 2; Forest Gate, 1. Langbourne United, 3; Ivydale, 0. Clifton Springfield, 1; Grafton, 1. Park Swifts, 3; Aldenham Institute, 2. Grove Wesleyan Reserves, 3; West Ham Centres, 0. Kestrel Rovers, 3; Fillebrooke, 0. Tate Institute Reserves, 2; Forest Gate Hawthorne, 0. Hackney St. Peter's, 1; Broad Street, 1. Stratford St. John's, 5; Stratford Town, 0. Little Ilford, 1; Sandringham Road, 0. Farringdon Street, 2; St. Winifred's, 2. Richmond Road, 2; Pelley Athletic, 2.

ILFORD AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

3rd Grenadier Guards, 1; Ilford, 0. Ilford Grange, 1; Forest Gate Glendale, 1. Romford, 4; Walthamstow Holborn, 0. Tilbury, 3; Romford (A), 0. Romford (B), 1; Excelsior Reserves, 1. Thames Ironworks, 2; Barking Woodville, 0. Thames Ironworks Reserves, 1; East Ham United, 0. Leyton, 7; Woodford, 3. Forest Swifts, 1; Leytonstone, 0.

AYLESBURY MATCHES.

Aylesbury Printing Works drew with Thame, 2 goals each. Quainton beat Aylesbury Night School by 4 to 3. Wolverton Trinity beat Aylesbury Printing Works Reserves by 4 to 0. Aylesbury Town beat Princes Risborough by 2 to 1. Waddesdon Juniors beat Bicester Juniors by 4 to 3.

EASTBOURNE AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Eastbourne, 0; Lewisham St. Mary's, 0. Excelsiors, 2; Bachelors, 1. Eastbourne Reserves, 1; Hornets, 1. All Souls, 1; Presbyterians, 0. Engineers, 4; Rangers, 1. Hailsham Reserves, 3; Ocklynge Rovers, 2. Hornets Reserves, 2; Old Town Reserves, 2. Old Town, 3; Norway, 0. Trinity, 2; Christchurch, 0. Whitley Road, 3; All Souls, 1.

PECKHAM RYE MATCHES.

Chelsea Pupil Teachers, 2; Kennington Thistle, 2. Camberwell Swifts, 4; Rosendale, 3. Peckham United, 0; Social Democrats, 0. Walworth Montrose, 3; Shamrock, 1; Parkhurst, 1st team, 4; 2nd team, 1.

LADYWELL MATCHES.

St. John's, Clerkenwell, 1; Lewisham Onwards, 0. Brockley Swifts, 2; St. Jude's, 1. Lewisham St. Mary's Reserves, 3; Borough Polytechnic, 0. St. Bride, 1; Castle, 1. Old Ashean, 7; Sidcupians, 0.

BLACKHEATH MATCHES.

Welcome Institute, 2; Belmont, 0. Albercore United, 3; Excelsior, 0. St. Alban's, 1; Whitdean, 0. St. Winifred's, 1; Glendale Rovers, 0. Woodland Rovers, 3; Endeavour, 1. Franciscans Rovers, 3; Royal Victoria, 0. St. Paul's, 2; Marshalsea, 2. Blackheath-rd. Old Boys, 5; Bromley Swifts, 1. St. Luke's (A), 2; Wentworth, 0. Woolwich Castle, 3; Ascension, 1. Bexley Heath Rangers, 5; Crusaders, 2. Tooting Rovers, 2; Abbey, 1. Institute Rovers, 5; Holy Trinity, 3. Stanley, 3; Derby, 1.

CATFORD MATCHES.

Old Cranleighians, 5; Beckenham, 1. Catford Athletic (2nd), 2; Wolverton (3rd), 1. Forest, 1; Haddlestone Swifts, 0. St. Thomas (Charlton), 3; Lewisham Albion, 1.

WOOLWICH MATCHES.

Ravensbourne (2nd), 3; Kilburn Rovers (2nd), 2. Clifton, 2; Belmont, 2. Clifton (2nd), 4; Albert Swifts, 4. All Saints, 1; St. Martin's, 0. Standard, 2; Shrewsbury, 1. Christchurch, 1; Alert, 1. Margarets, 2; Falcon, 0. Strand, 1; Crossness, 0. Victory, 2; Vine, 0.

PLUMSTEAD MATCHES.

Eureka, 1; Cyprus, 1. St. John's, 2; Hill-street, 0. Dockyard, 1; Greenhill, 0. Burrage, 3; Hornets, 1. St. James', 2; Grosvenor, 1. Eglinton, 1; Ordnance-road, 0. St. Olave's, 2; Lily, 2. Cross-street, 1; Purrett-street, 0. Hawthorne, 1; Verona, 0. Westcombe, 2; Iona, 1.

NUNHEAD MATCHES.

Hope House, 2; Invicta, 0. Brockley Swifts, 3; Endeavour, 0. Nunhead Passage, 3; Cambridge, 2. Montcalm, 0; Forest Hill Wesleyans, 0. White Star, 2; Ryland and Co., 0. All Saints, 0; Brecon, 0. Kensington (A), 1 try; Guy's Hospital, 0.

CHARLTON MATCHES.

Woolwich Polytechnic (2nd), 1; Holly, 0. Little Heath, 2; Church-lane, 1. St. John's Institute, 2; Polytechnic (3rd), 0. Clarence, 3; Pride of Kent, 1. Claremont, 2; Heathfield, 0. Abbey Wood, 4; St. Mark's, 3. Primrose, 5; Albany, 0. Avenue, 6; Westcombe Park Rovers, 3. Alliance, 4; Midway, 2. Ravensbourne, 1; Kilburn Rovers, 1.

BLACKHEATH SCHOOL MATCHES.

Deptford Park, 2; Forsdene-road, 1. Blackheath-road, 11; Hedgley-street, 0. Halstow-road, 2; Hughes Field, 0. Lombard-wall, 2; Clifton-road, 1. Nynehead, 7; Duke-street, 0. Waller-road, 1; Rathferne-road, 0. Rotherhithe New-road, 5; Grove-street, 1. Church-street, 5; Albion-street, 1.

Southampton St. Mary's Reserves v. Cowes.—At Southampton. Seeley was the first to score for the Reserves, but Baker soon equalised for the visitors. Before half-time the home team were again ahead. In the second half further points were added to the Saints' score, while W. Baker scored 2 for Cowes, St. Mary's winning by 6 goals to 3.

At Swindon, Old Swindon, 1 goal; Cirencester, 1.

At Ewell, Ewell, 3 goals, beat West Norwood, 0.—Surrey Senior Cup.

At Wickham, Wickham Wanderers, 1 goal, beat Newbury, 0.—Berks and Bucks Cup.

At East Ham, Thames Ironworks, 2 goals, beat Barking Woodville, 0.—London Senior Cup.

At Woolwich, Charlton United, 2 goals, beat Plumstead Albion, 0.—London Junior Cup.

Slough Reserves and Marlow Reserves were to have met at Slough in the South Bucks and East Berks Junior League, but Marlow were unable to place a qualified team in the field, and only a friendly was played. This was won by Marlow by 2 goals to 1.

At Weybridge, Weybridge, 1; Surbiton Hill, 1.

At Weybridge, Weybridge Rose, 0, Guards Depot, 0.

At Queen's Park, Barronette, 4; Bath, 0. Hillingdon, 6; Southall Socials, 0.

Crescent, Hampstead, beat West End by 2 to 0.

Balham Wanderers Reserves beat West End Reserves by 3 to 2.

At Clapton, City Albion, 2; Manor, 0.

At Cheshunt, Cheshunt beat Bowes Park by 4 to 2.

At Staines, Staines Albany beat Lewisham Town by 3 goals to 1.

Ipswich v. Upton Park, Ipswich.—The visitors had the best of the game in the first half. Ipswich pressed in the second, and severely taxed the Upton backs. Jones, in goal, dealt with some warm shots, and eventually E. A. Kent scored with a low drive. Ipswich, 1; Upton Park, 0.

Dover v. East Surrey Regiment.—At Dover. The civilians had practically all the game, winning by 9 goals to 2. This result was rather unexpected, as last time the Surreys met Dover they made a draw of 2 goals each.

Dover Star played Buckland St. Andrews, and had a soft job, winning by 12 to 0.

At Surbiton, Middle Mill, 2; Surbiton Melrose, 1.

At Leytonstone, Forest Swifts, 1 goal, beat Leytonstone, 0.—Essex Senior Cup.

At Raynes Park, Clapham Hawthorne, 5; Church Institute, 0.

At Cyprus Town, Leytonstone United, 1; Cyprus Town, 1.

At Herne Hill, West Ham Garfield, 3; 3rd Grenadiers, 0.

At Walthamstow, Walthamstow Havelock, 1; Wood Grange Wesleyans, 1.

At Goring, Wantage Reserves beat Goring by 2 goals to 1.

At Burnham, Marlow Victoria, 3; Burnham Reserves, 2.

At Wormhalt Farm, Ashburton beat Wymstay by three goals to 0.

At Enfield Lock, St. James's, 0; Novocastrians, 2.

St. Stephen's Twickenham, 1; Kew, 0.

At Edenbridge, Edenbridge beat Lingfield Reserves by 4 goals to 1.

RUGBY.

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

YORKSHIRE v. WESTMORELAND.

Not much doubt could be felt as to the result of the meeting of these counties at Morley, seeing that Yorkshire had won all their matches, while Westmoreland had been unsuccessful in each of their engagements. Soon after the commencement Yorkshire took up the attack, and Rhodes dashed over the line. Myers converted the try, and shortly afterwards from a penalty kick Taylor dropped a goal. Before half-time Gath also gained a try, but Myers failed at goal. Fookes and Taylor were prominent with some fine runs for Yorkshire, and Jowitt and Palmer were conspicuous for Westmoreland. At half-time Yorkshire led by 2 goals and 1 try to 0. The superiority of the home county was again very apparent in the second half, and though some chances were thrown away, Stirk and Fookes each ran in, and the last try being converted by Swabey, Yorkshire won easily by 3 goals (1 penalty) and 2 tries (19 points) to 0.

NORTHERN UNION.

YORKSHIRE SECTION.

Hull beat Leeds by 1 try to 0.

Castleford beat Leeds Parish Church by 1 goal and 2 tries to 1 goal.

Huddersfield drew with Batley, 8 points each.

Brighouse Rangers beat Manningham by 1 dropped goal and 1 try to 1 penalty goal.

Liversedge beat Heckmondwike by 4 points to 0.

Wakefield Trinity beat Hunslet by 1 goal and 2 tries to 0.

Holbeck and Halifax drew, 1 try each.

Bramley beat Bradford by 2 goals and 3 tries to 1 try.

LANCASHIRE SECTION.

Leigh v. Warrington.—This match was postponed.

St. Helens v. Wigan.—This match was unplayable.

Oldham beat Morecambe by 5 goals and 1 try to 0.

Broughton Rangers beat Widnes by 1 dropped goal to 0.

Runcorn drew with Salford, 1 try each.

Stockport beat Tyldesley by 1 goal to 1 try.

OLD LEYSIANS v. OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS.

At Stamford Bridge the Old Merchant Taylors defeated the Old Leysians by 2 placed goals to 0. The game was contested in bright, cold weather before a small attendance of spectators. Neither side was representative, and the Taylors for the first 20 minutes were handicapped by having a man short in the pack. Notwithstanding this they held their own with the result that in the first half nothing was scored by either. On crossing over, however, the Taylors, now with their full 15, had much the better of the game, and about midway through the second portion, Waters got over for them in the extreme left hand corner. Difficult as was the place kick, Lee was successful in converting amidst loud cheering. Directly play was resumed the visitors pressed again, and almost before the spectators realised what had happened, Waters had scored again in the corner, and Lee had once more improved from an awkward angle. This is all that was accomplished, for, although Crawford looked to drop a goal, the referee was uncertain of it, and it was not allowed. Thus the Old Merchant Taylors won by 10 points to 0.

HARLEQUINS v. GUY'S HOSPITAL.

At Chiswick Park. Both teams were well represented, but the Harlequins were without the assistance of Cyril Wells. During the first half the Hospital men had all the advantage with them, and were much quicker on the ball than their opponents, and cleverer behind the pack. After some 20 minutes' even play Rae scored for the Hospital, as the result of some clever passing between him and Alexander. Morgan easily converted, and at half-time Guy's led by 1 goal to 0. A striking change came over the Harlequins after the interval, all of them playing a much faster game, and waking up considerably. After a lot of pressing Devonshire scored for them near the corner, but Pank could not improve. Soon afterwards Thornton, taking a short pass from Leake in capital style, dashed over and scored between the posts. This time Pank's kick was successful. The Harlequins were now playing a good game, but loose play allowed their opponents to get in, and some useful work by Alexander and Rae resulted in the former getting over. Morgan failed to convert, and a good game ended in a draw, each side scoring 1 goal 1 try.

LONDON SCOTTISH v. ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

At Richmond. Both sides were strongly represented, but, as might be expected, the Scotchmen had much the better of the game, the Hospital on two occasions only being dangerous. The Scottish had the wind against them for the first half, but though they kept the ball close to the hospital line, so good was the defence that for fully a quarter of an hour they were unable to score, the defence of the Hospital being admirable. A fine piece of passing by the Scottish backs enabled Jackson to get over close to touch, but no goal resulted. The Hospital from the drop out rushed the ball down to the Scottish goal-line, but it was soon worked back, and just before changing over W. Neilson scored a clever try, and placed a goal. In the second half the Hospital continued to have the worst of the play, and after 10 minutes a fine bit of work by Graham enabled Campbell to get over. No goal resulted, but a little later, after the ball had gone through half a dozen pairs of hands, Marquis got a nice try, and W. Neilson placed a second goal. The only other noteworthy incident was a brilliant run by Greg for St. Thomas's. He got close to the Scottish goal-line before he was pulled down. The Scottish thus won a fairly interesting game by 2 goals and 2 tries to 0.

WICKHAM PARK v. CROYDON.

The return match between these clubs was played at the Sports Ground, Catford, in capital football weather, but was only moderately patronised. Croydon were without several of their most prominent players, whilst Wickham were well represented, and throughout the game their forwards easily held their own. Outside, however, Croydon showed beter combination, and in the first half, on account of "off-side" play by Hume, they were awarded a penalty kick, from which Geoff Myatt kicked a fine goal. The aspect of the game changed considerably after half-time, Wickham penning their opponents continuously. Marples and Myatt dribbled out of danger, but Kingscote, Holywell, and Elliott replied and kept up a strong attack, Trollope, Croydon's full back, saving only with difficulty. At length a rush by the Croydon forwards sent the ball over the half-way line, when Flint, from a pass by Blunt, raced round the home backs, and scored between the posts, Hubbard easily converting. Croydon thus won by 1 goal and 1 penalty or 8 points to 0.

KINGSTON MATCHES.

Kingston, 1 goal 1 try; School of Mines, 0. Kingston Volunteers, 1 goal and 1 penalty goal; Anchor, 2 tries.

BLACKHEATH MATCHES.

Southwark Home, 1 goal and 1 try; Electric Athletic, 0. Southwark Home (A), 1; Park House 3rd, 0. Park House 2nd, 2 dropped; Maze Hill, 0. Croydon St. Andrews, 2 goals and 2 tries; West Greenwich Gas Works, 1 try. Blackheath (A), 2 goals (1 dropped) and 3 tries; R.N.C., Greenwich, 0.

Bristol v. Swindon Rangers.—At Bristol. Swindon were strongly represented, but the homesters were weak. Both sides entirely failed at passing, owing to the greasy state of the ball, and the game was confined to the forwards. Harris and Deving nearly scored for Bristol and Gough for Swindon, but keen tackling prevented tries. Result, a draw.

Old Edwardians v. Handsworth.—There was a very small attendance at this match at Moseley, Birmingham. The game was very uninteresting, the play being of a scrambling description. In the first half Brown scored for the Old Edwardians, and Adams placed a goal. After changing ends the Old Edwardians played with increased vigour, and succeeded in obtaining 3 more tries, one of which was improved upon. The result was a win for the Old Edwardians by 2 goals and 2 tries to 0.

Coventry v. Blackheath.—The Blackheath fifteen visited Coventry, and after a well contested game suffered defeat at the hands of the home club by a goal and a try to nothing. The ground was a little hard, but the play was fast throughout, and generally even. The Blackheath three-quarters did splendid work, and made several strong attacks, the latter being three times within an ace of scoring. The Coventry defence, however, was excellent, and Blackheath failed to get in. The Coventry tries was gained by Wells and Lovett, and the latter placed the goal. Five thousand spectators witnessed the game.

Moseley v. Richmond.—A strong Richmond fifteen journeyed down to Birmingham and opposed the Moseley club. There was a capital attendance despite the frosty weather, and the ground was a little hard. In the first half the Moseley men had the best of the game, and were a little unfortunate in not scoring. After changing ends, however, the positions were reversed. The Richmond three-quarters displayed splendid combination, while the forwards worked extremely hard. Ashford first crossed the Moseley line, and the same player placed a goal. Later Biggs obtained a try, which was not improved upon, and in the end Richmond won by a goal and a try to 0.

Northampton St. James's v. Streatham.—At Northampton. The Saints should have played Hampstead, but the latter were unable to get a team, so this match was arranged. The game was interesting throughout, both teams playing well. Tim Kingston scored first for Northampton, Swannel converting, whilst F. Long, for the visitors, scored, and Greenhill converted. In the latter half West obtained another try for the Saints. Result: Northampton, 8 points; Streatham, 3 points.

Battersea v. Richmond St. Mary's.—At Wandsworth Common, Battersea winning by 1 goal and 2 tries to 0.

Bedford v. Upper Clapton.—At Bedford. In the first half Bedford scored a goal and a try through Swallow and Kendall, and crossing over Maclear added a try for Bedford. Arnott kicked a penalty goal for Clapton, and Rees followed with a try for the homesters, Maclear converting. Before the close Hicks put on a try for Clapton. Bedford, 2 goals 2 tries (16 points); Clapton, 1 penalty goal and 1 try (6 points).

At Tottenham, Upper Clapton (3rd), 23 points; Highgate (A), 0.

At Twickenham, London Scottish (2nd), 14 points; Twickenham, 0.

At Catford, Courthill, 1 try; Sutton (A), 1 dropped goal.

At Queen's Park, West London, 9; Portsmouth Gymnasium, 0.

At Finsbury-square, Brockley, 5 points; H.A.C., 0.

At Finchley, Highgate, 5 points; London Hospital, 0.

At Wandsworth, Rovers, 10 points; Old Blues, 3.

At Winchmore Hill, Lennox, 8 points; St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 5.

At Sutton, Sutton, 13 points; Old Merchant Taylors (A), 0.

At Wormwood Scrubbs, Royal Veterinary College, 3 points; Wasps (A), 0.

At Portsmouth, Portsmouth, 13 points; Wasps, 0.

At Olney, Olney, 5 points; Hammersmith, 3 points.

At Catford, Croydon, 1 goal 1 penalty goal; Wickham Park, 0.

At Leytonstone, Leytonstone (A), 8 points; Dulwich Park (A), 3 points.

At Old Charlton, Sidcup (A), 1 goal 1 try; Charltonians, 0.

At Richmond, Hampstead Wanderers, 18 points; Rosslyn Park (A), 0.

At Maze Hill, Park House (2nd), 8 points; Maze Hill, 0.

At Kingston, Kingston Volunteers, 8 points; Anchor, 6 points.

At Clapton, Upper Clapton (A), 13 points; Marlborough Nomads (A), 0.

SCOTLAND v. WALES.

The following team has been chosen to represent Scotland against Wales at Edinburgh on Jan. 30:—A. R. Smith (Oxford University), back; G. T. Campbell, W. Neilson (London Scottish), C. J. N. Fleming (Edinburgh Wanderers), and T. Scott (Hawick), three-quarter backs; J. W. Simpson (Royal High School), and R. C. Greig (Glasgow Academicals), half-backs; R. G. MacMillan (captain), J. H. Dods, G. O. Turnbull, A. Balfour (London Scottish), W. McEwan (Edinburgh Academicals), M. Morrison (Royal High School, A. Laidlaw, and T. M. Scott (Hawick), forwards.

INTER-HOSPITAL RUGBY CUP.

The draw for the first round of this competition is as follows:—University v. St. George's, Middlesex v. Guy's, Bartholomew's v. Charing Cross, King's, Westminster, St. Mary's, St. Thomas's, and London have byes.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS.

Unity A.C.—This club held an outlying run from it's headquarters at Highgate to Sunbury. Twenty-seven runners turned out, and 2 packs were formed, the fast being paced by H. J. Humphry and G. Wicks, and the slow by W. Allen and H. Trott.

Hampstead H.—A dozen members of this club took part in a 10 miles paperchase. The hares, C. Silsby and E. Baptist, ran well, and were not caught.

Queen's Park H.—This club decided a 7½ miles scratch race and sealed handicap at Willesden. Result of scratch race:—S. Amps, 1; . Weston, 2; C. Redhead, 3; C. Wreatham, 4; W. Walmsey, 5; C. J. Coward, 6. Won by 150 yards. Winner's itme, 5min 15sec. The handicap resulted as follows:—C. Wreatham (3min 50sec start), 1; T. Weston (2min 20sec), 2; C. C. Redhead (3min 40sec), 3.

Wigmore H.—In view of the inter-club race with the Montagu H. next week, nearly a couple of dozen ran over the course to be used. G. H. Findlay made the pace.

St. Mary's H.—R. Selves paced a dozen members over 7 miles at Hampstead, and was also first home.

Columbia H.—Two packs, paced by J. Waters (fast) and E. Fort (slow), composed of 20 members, took part in an enjoyable 8-mile run through Chingford. No racing was indulged in.

South Essex A.C.—Twenty-four members and S. E. King (Finchley H.) and E. C. Cox (Tunbridge Wells H.) went for a run of 6 miles through Chingford Hale End, paced by A. Diver (fast) and F. C. Nunn (slow). All finished well together.

Stamford H.—Fourteen members ran over the 8 miles' course, paced by W. J. Dodd, and the usual run in on handicap terms resulted as follows:—C. Williams 130 yards start, 1; W. P. Dodd, 160, 2.

Ranelagh H.—The 3½ miles contest for the Thomas Challenge Cup was held in the vicinity of Putney Heath. Result:—M. Davies, scratch (time, 21min 7 3-5sec), 1; C. S. Sydenham, scratch (21min 9 3-5sec), 2; J. H. Childs, 55sec start (21min 14 3-5sec), 3; W. H. South, 40sec (22min 1sec), 4; O. N. Bakewell, 1min 20sec (22min 53sec), 5; E. S. Gibbs, 2min 25sec (24min 2sec), 6. Davis took the lead near home, and won by 12 yards, 5 yards dividing the next two.

Kennington H.—Eleven members of this club and a few members of the Borough Polytechnic H. ran over the 8 miles course at Earlsfield. F. W. Burton ran the race in.

Essex Beagles.—A 5 miles course, at Wanstead. Two packs were formed, the slow division being paced by R. M. Brice and the fast pack by the Southern Counties champion, George Martin. Amongst others who turned out were W. Lawand, H. E. Humphrey, A. Turner, T. Woolner, J. Martin, G. H. Bryant, D. G. Lusty, and A. G. Griffin.

Epsom H.—At Epsom, a 3½ miles handicap. Result: F. J. Steadman, scratch, 1; G. H. May, 20sec start, 2; W. F. Wright, 3min 15sec, 3. Won by 25 yards; 100 yards divided second and third. Time, 19min 55sec.

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